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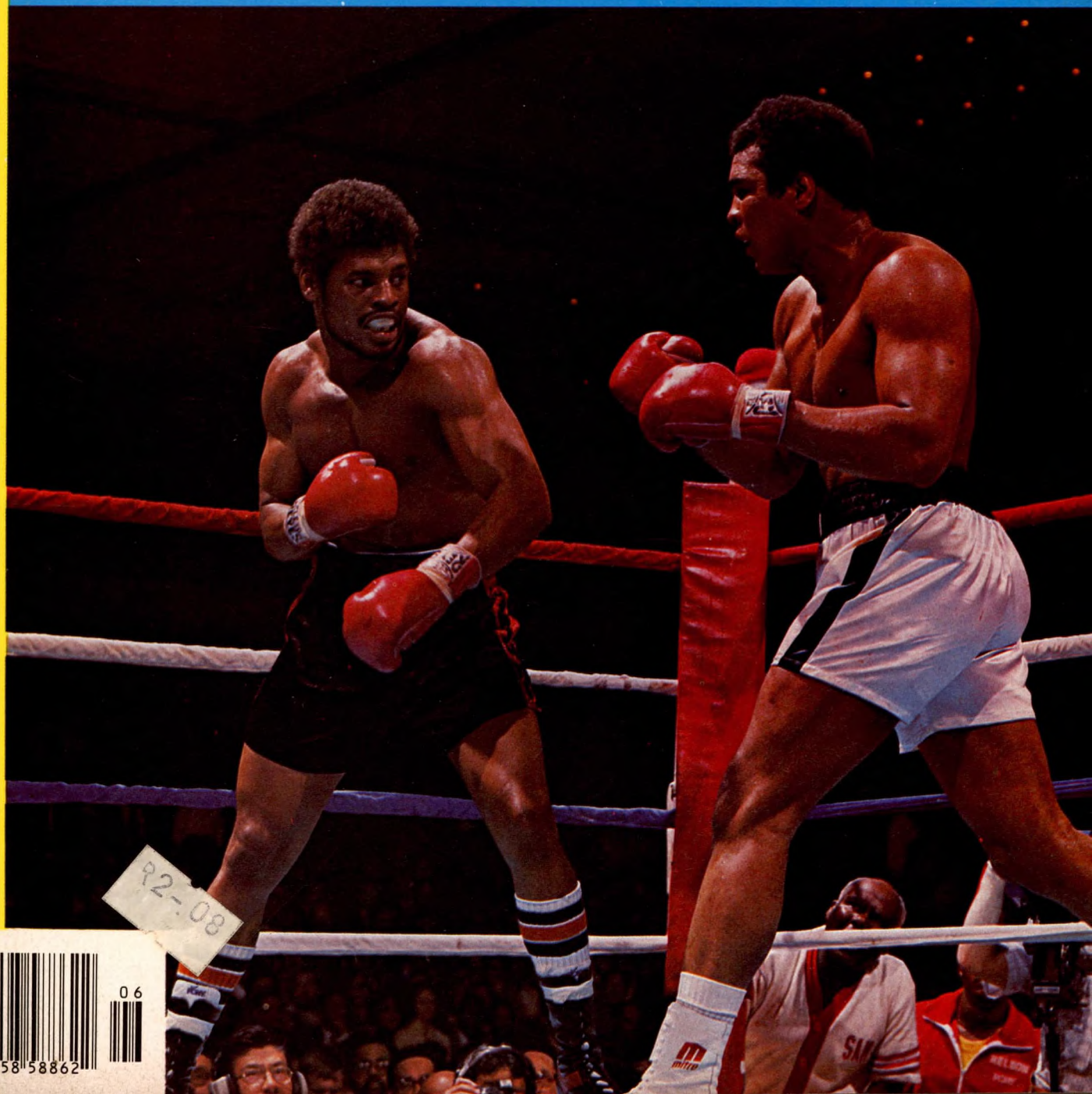

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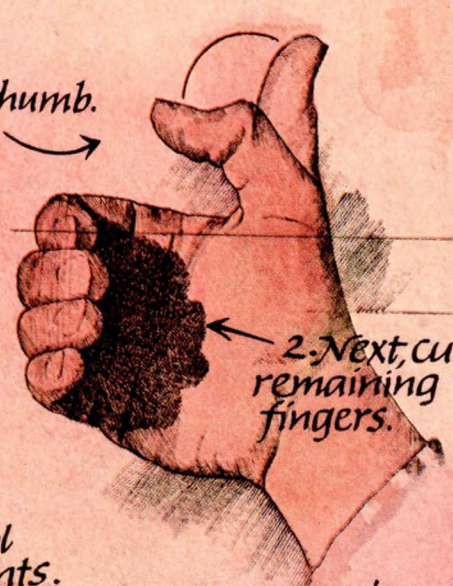

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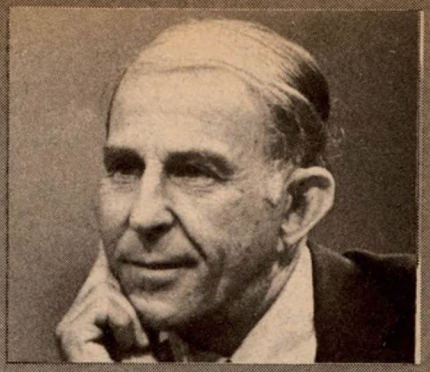

BY NAT LOUBET,

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THE recent lifting of the world heavyweight title from Leon Spinks and the awarding of it to Ken Norton by the World Boxing Council once again brings into sharp focus the problem of unofficial boxing organizations making decisions which defy the traditions of boxing and often are unfair and unjust.

In the case of Spinks, who won universal recognition by his victory over Muhammad Ali, the World Boxing Association has not taken away Spinks' title and The Ring stands by him as the legitimate heavyweight champion.

However, the situation points up the necessity for an official governm,ent body to, once and for all, put a stop to the nonsense of the WBA and the WBC having their own champions in most divisions and the resulting confusion involving the entire boxing world.

Take the light heavyweight division, which *The Ring* contends has had a vacant title since September 16, 1974, when Bob Foster, universally recognized, announced his retirement. John Conteh, at the time holder of the British, Commonwealth and European titles, was given the WBC blessing in October of 1974 by virtue of his fifteen-round decision over Jorge Ahumada in London. He was later stripped of his title by the WBC who now recognizes Mate Parlov of Yugoslavia. In December, 1974, Victor Galindez decisioned Len Hutchins and the WBA awarded Galindez their version of the world title.

The Ring Magazine maintains that a champion wins and loses his crown in the ring, because he retires from active participation, or, due to physical disablement, can no longer compete.

In the case of the light heavyweight division, it is *The Ring's* contention that the WBA champion, Galindez, and Mate Parlov, the WBC champion, should meet to give boxing a universal champion.

This is not impossible. It was achieved when Carlos Monzon retired and both the WBA and the WBC recognized the number one middleweight contender. Rodrigo Valdes of Colombia, who had lost two decisions to Monzon as champion when he defeated Bennie Briscoe of the U.S. *The Ring* enthusiastically recognized Valdes.

The Ring Magazine recognizes the champion of a division by virtue of the lineage of the crown and, in some cases, the rightful champion is recognized by the WBA and in others by the WBC. *The Ring* is not interested in which organization recognizes which champion. It is interested only in recognizing the champion who has a right to the title.

It is suggested that anyone desiring to follow down the proper history of a championship purchase *The Ring Encyclopedia and Record Book*, which gives the history of the divisions and establishes the rightful owners of the various titles.

In the case of the welterweight class, *The Ring* recognizes Carlos Palomino of Mexico, as does the WBC. The WBA has Jose Cuevas as their champion.

In the junior welterweight class, *The Ring* recognizes Wilfred Benitez, who defeated the universal champion Antonio Cervantes. He was stripped of his title by both the WBA and the WBC. Antonio Cervantes is the WBA title holder and Shengsak Muangsurin of Thailand is the WBC champ.

In the lightweight class, a miracle has occurred. Roberto Duran of Panama is recognized by everybody. We wonder for how long.

The junior lightweight king, acknowledged by *The Ring* and the WBA, is Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico, with the WBC giving Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, their version. Alexis had been the featherweight champion until he outgrew the class and moved up a division.

The Ring holds the featherweight title vacant with the hope that Danny Lopez of Los Angeles, the WBC champ, and *The Ring* number one contender, and Cecilio Lastra of Spain, the WBA champ, will one day meet to give us a universal champion. It probably will never happen.

The Ring bantamweight crown holder is the same as the WBA's, Jorge Lujan, Panama, while the

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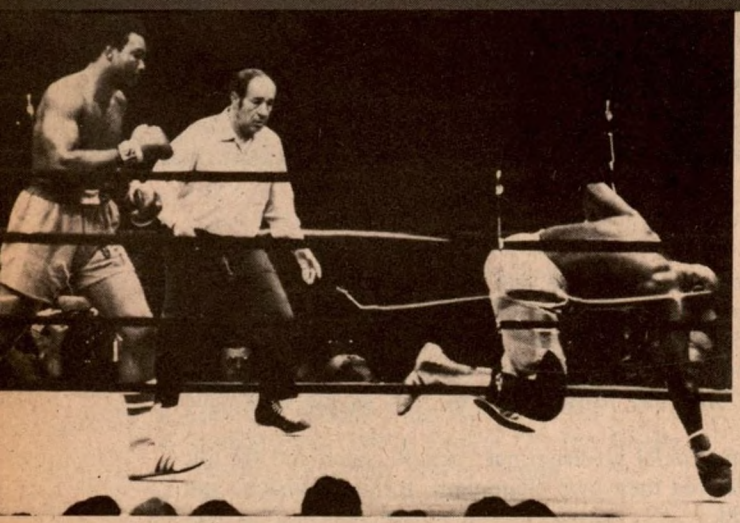
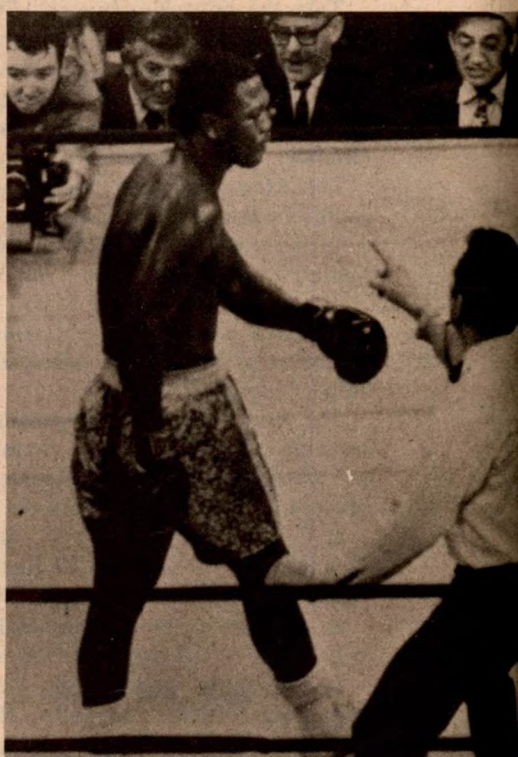


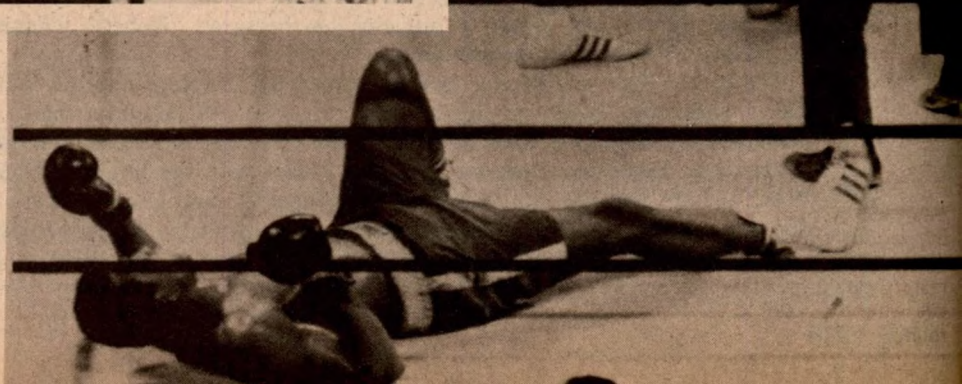
By JOHN ORT

THE WBC is at it again! They stripped Leon Spinks of his world heavyweight title and gave it to Ken Norton. By this time you will have read the reasons why. We will go over it lightly below to give you a feel of the problem.

Muhammad Ali was supposed to box the winner of the Ken Norton-Duane Bobick bout, May 11, 1977, in Madison Square Garden. Norton won by a KO in one. Ali stated that Jimmy Young had just as much right to fight him as Norton. So he told them to box each other and he would meet the winner. This occurred on Nov. 5, 1977 in Las Vegas, Nev., Norton winning on a 15 round decision.

Ali backed down and signed to fight Leon Spinks instead. At a WBC convention in Madrid, Spain last November, Jose Sulaiman (WBC Prez) said that both Ali and Spinks would have to agree to





(Top) Referee Harold Valan watches closely as Joe Frazier heads for the canvas for the first time in the fifth and last round of his return bout with George Foreman at the Nassau Coliseum on June 15, 1976. (Above) George Foreman sinks Ken Norton in the second round of their fight in Caracas, March 26, 1974. (Right) Referee Arthur Mercante orders Joe Frazier to a neutral corner as Muhammad Ali lies on the canvas in Madison Square Garden, March 8, 1971. Frazier kept his crown by a unanimous decision.

box Norton next. If not, then Sulaiman would award the title to Norton.

The November WBC edict said that Spinks, as the champion, had until March 17, 1978, to sign with a promoter of his choice to fight Norton by July 7, 1978 and if he did not, the fight would go to purse bidding with the highest sealed bid opened April 17, 1978.

Sulaiman went on to say: "My legal advisors believe the Spinks letter (of agreement) was given to the WBC in bad faith in Madrid and the WBC was not informed until February 17, 1978, two days after Spinks won the title from Ali, that there was a contract with CBS T.V., Top Rank Inc., and Spinks." Jose said that the WBC voted 15-2 to take the title.

Summing up Sulaiman's feelings: Top Rank has the promotional rights to Spinks' next three fights, with an option for three more, and has an agreement with CBS that gives the television network the right to buy T.V. rights to Spinks' first defense for a total of 1.5 million against anyone but Ali.

Sulaiman said the fact that CBS has the rights to Spinks' first defense prevents negotiations from going to purse bidding, which is a violation of the second stage of the Madrid edict.

Let's look at Spinks' and Top Rank's side: They do have the agreement with CBS as mentioned above and Leon is under the control of Top Rank. True, but money is the name of the game and the Ali rematch is a five million dollar payday and Mr. Spinks can't afford to turn this type of money down. Would Norton in his place turn down

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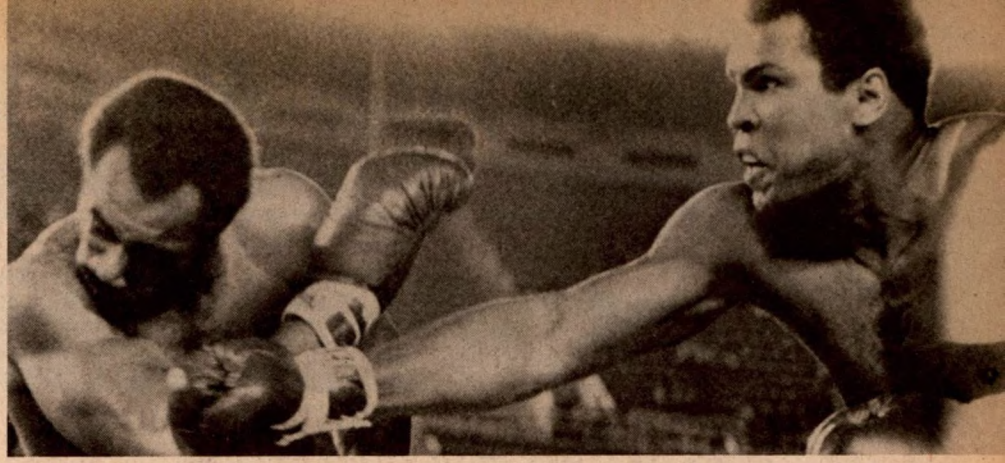

(Above) Ali drives a right to Norton's head in the second round of their heavyweight championship bout in Yankee Stadium on September 28, 1976. Ali won the unanimous nod of the officials, but many questioned the decision. The WBC now recognizes Norton as the champion. (Below) Leon Spinks is winner and new champion after defeating Muhammad Ali by a split decision in Las Vegas.

George Foreman heads for the canvas in the eighth round of his title contest with Ali. Muhammad became the second man in history to regain the world heavyweight title when he kayoed George in 2:58 of the round.

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Holmes Upsets Shavers; Arguello KO's Mendez

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Larry Holmes, 210, from Easton, Pa., outpointed an old looking Earnie Shavers, 210, Warren, Ohio, in a twelve round bout at Caesar's Palace.

Holmes looked more like a "reindeer" than the "Easton Assassin," but he fought the fight he had to. His style didn't bring cheers from the fans, but then he never did have the big kayo style of a Liston, a Maricano, a Frazier, or a Foreman. He's more in the vein of an Ali or a Jimmy Ellis. They got the job done, but not with the Hollywood flair.

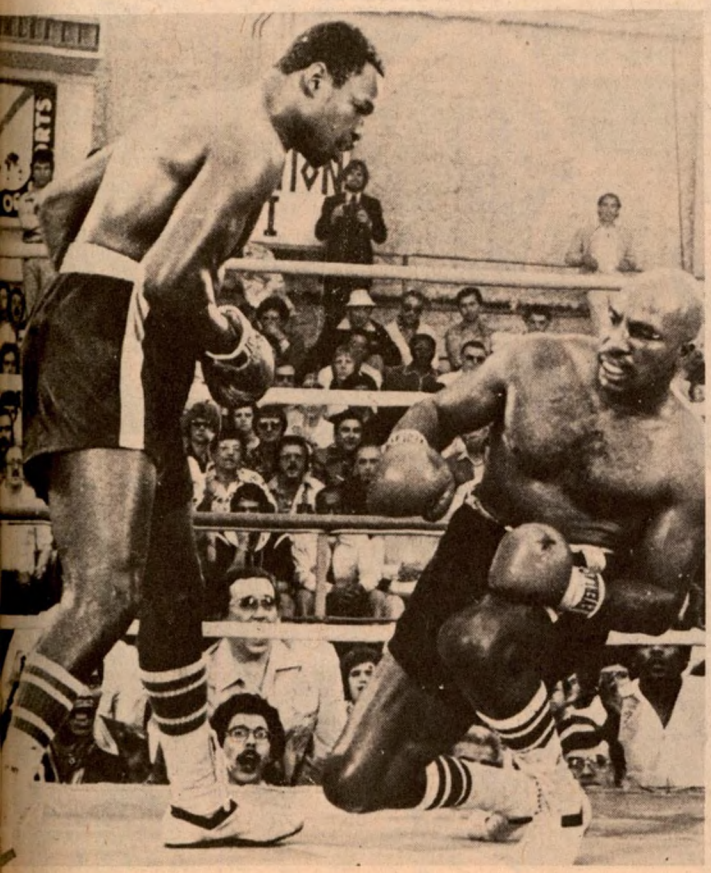
Larry is now 27-0, and has hopes of boxing Ken Norton for the WBC heavyweight title in Caesar's palace this summer. Norton, at ringside for this bout, stated he would meet anyone the WBC says is number one and if Larry's that man, great!

Against a Norton, Holmes will have a tougher time. Shavers was a slow moving, straight forward type of fighter, throwing only bombs, with little boxing style. Ken is faster afoot and moves in on you, bobbing and weaving, a hard target to hit with left jabs and right hands. Norton also throws a good left jab himself and fires combos instead of one punch at a time. Norton's hand speed is just as fast as Larry's and one of Holmes' best weapons is his fast hands. Both of Ken's hands carry kayo power while with Shaver's Holme's only had to watch out for the right hand. But don't sell Holmes short. He has the boxing ability to go far if he doesn't not nailed by an opponent.

The bout itself was all Holmes. He moved and boxed Shaver's ears off in the first round, scoring with good left jabs to the face of Shavers.

Round two was the big test for Larry, as Shavers landed with a couple of good right hands to the head of Holmes. Larry managed to shake off these punches and move out of danger. Knowing that Earnie had landed his best punch and that he was still standing turned the bout in Holmes' favor. He knew at this point there was

(Below, left) Earnie Shavers almost goes down for the count after being worked over by Larry Holmes in the last round of their twelve-round heavyweight contest in Las Vegas. Shavers managed to stay on his feet and survive until the final bell. Holmes won a unanimous decision. (Below, right) WBC junior lightweight champion Alexis Arguello kayoes Mario Mendez in the third round on the Shavers-Holmes undercard. Mendez was down twice.



(Above) Shavers lands a left to Larry's head during the second round, when he had Holmes in trouble. (Right) A victorious Larry Holmes has his arm raised in victory after the decision is announced. With Larry are his brother, Jake Holmes, left, and his manager-trainer, Richie Giachetti.

no way he could lose.

Larry took over control of the bout in the fifth round. He let Shavers chase him around the ring in three and four, scoring with left jabs and staying out of trouble.

In the fifth, Holmes landed two solid rights to the side of Shavers head, hurting the 33-year-old kayo king. He ended the round by driving Earnie into his own corner, using his fast hands, and scoring rights and lefts to the head.

Earnie came out the sixth round with a cut under his left eye.

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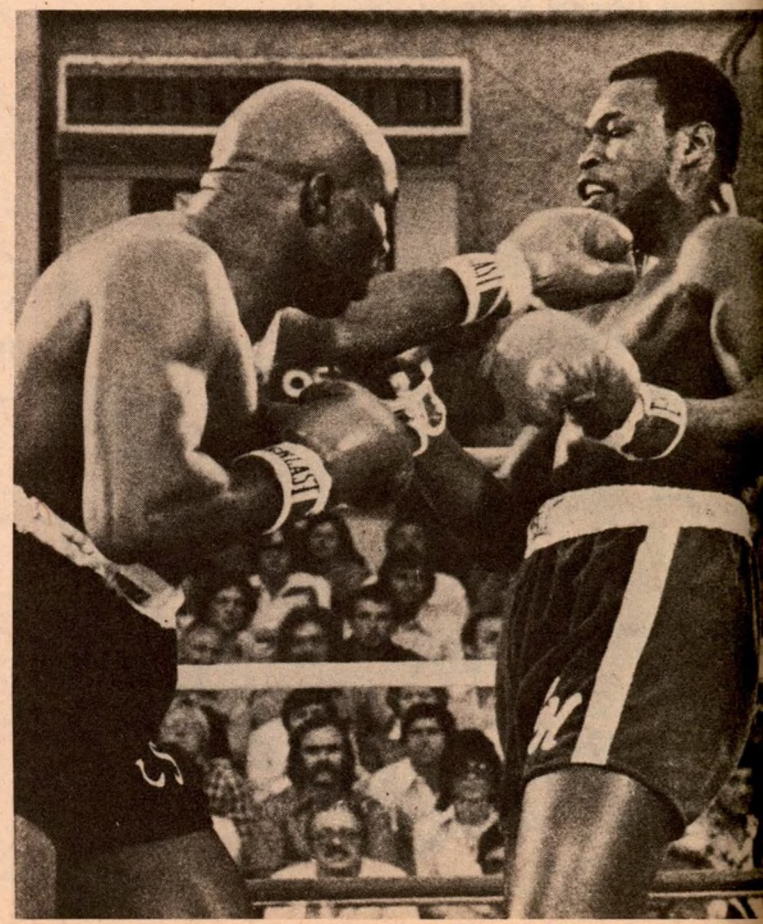

(Above) Holmes lands a left to Shaver's head during the twelfth and last round. Larry may fight Norton for the WBC version of the world heavyweight title. (Right) Larry slips a left by Shavers.

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Lujan Ices Rubaldino in First Bantam Title Defense

By JIM P. NOLAND

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Jorge Lujan, 117¼, Panama retained his world bantamweight crown via a knockout over Mexico's Roberto Rubaldino, 117½, in eleven rounds.

Lujan won the title last year with a ten-round kay over another Mexican, Alfonso Zamora. This bout marked his first defense.

Rubaldino last year had a record of 6-1, scoring five kayo's. He lost a ten-round nod to Fabian Palma in Mazetlan, Mexico. Maybe Fabian should have been in there instead of Roberto?

The soutpaw Rubaldino scored a first-round knockdown, or so said the Panamian referee. Jorge was pushed to the deck with Roberto's left arm around his neck. He got up fast and looked shocked, as the referee gave him a eight count.

Rubaldino held his own for the first eight rounds and might have been a little ahead on points up to this point.

The champion started to come on in the

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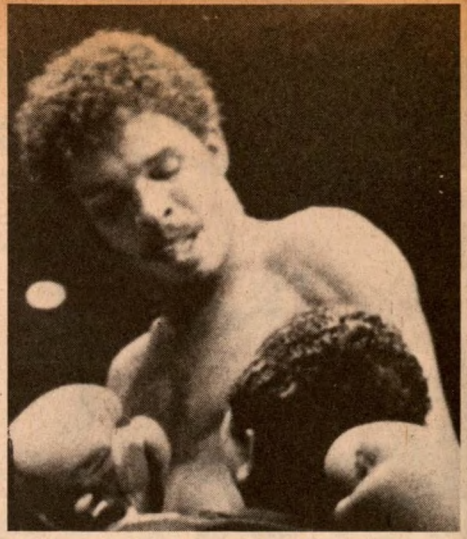


A jubilant Jorge Lujan, Panama, is hoisted by trainers after knocking out Roberto Rubaldino, Mexico, in the eleventh round of their San Antonion title bout.

PALOMINO TOPS MOHATAR IN NINE

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—World welterweight champion Carlos Palomino, Mexico, 147, retained his title via a TKO in the ninth round over Morocco's Mimoun Mohatar, 146¼.

This was the champion's second title bout in five weeks. The last being a kayo over Japan's Ryu Sorimachi.

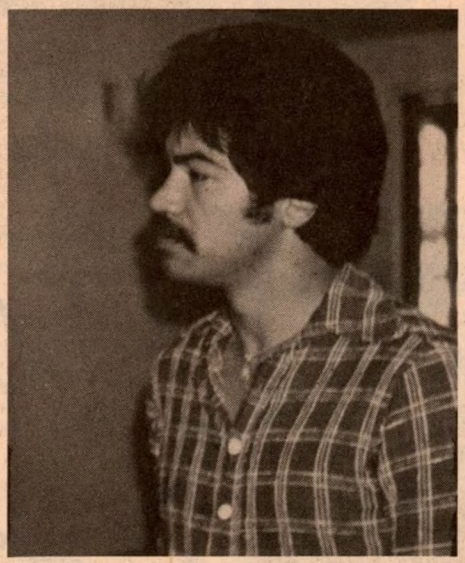
Carlos started slowly in round one and was tagged by hard over-hand rights from Mohatar. But these blows had little effect on the champion.

Mimoun held his own for the first three rounds and may have had the edge; however, Mimoun's dream of being the world welterweight champion came to a quick end in the fourth round. He was hit with one of Carlos' famous left hooks to the jaw. Down went Mimoun for the first time in his career but he was up at eight and lasted the round.

In round five Palomino started to put on pressure. Mohatar was still hurt from the previous round knockdown and simply moved around the ring as a target.

Palomino worked on the body of the Moroccan in the seventh and eighth rounds with good short left hooks to the gut and hard right hands to the ribs. Mimoun looked liked a beaten warrior at this point. Toward the end of the eighth round with only seconds left, Mohatar put his right hand in the air, indicating his readiness to quit, but the referee just looked at him and allowed the bell to end the round.

Mimoun, against his better judgement, let his handlers talk him into going out for the ninth round. The referee, Charlie Roth, went over to see if Mimoun had had enough, but was told the Moroccan would go on.



(Above) World welterweight king Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles. (Right) On his way to a ninth round KO, Palomino connects with a straight left to the head of challenger Mimoun Mohatar, Morocco. The title contest took place in Las Vegas.

Carlos came out for the kill and landed a flurry of rights and lefts to the head of Mimoun, who went down for an eight count. Mohatar scrambled to his feet and the referee let him call it quits.

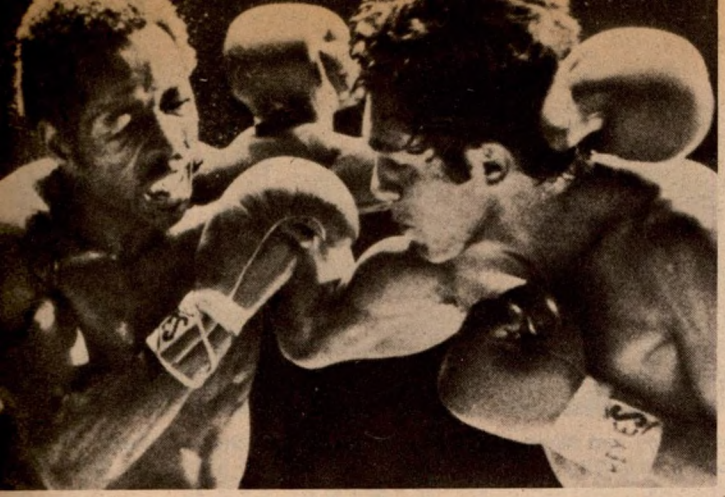
Referee Roth stated after the bout: "I asked him, 'Are you ready to go on?' He shook his head no! I asked him, 'Can you finish?' and he shook his head no."

The time of the knockout was 57 seconds of the ninth round.

Palomino who got $125,000 stated: "He got me good with a right in the first round. I was surprised when he got up in the fourth round. He was tough in taking punishment."

Palomino's next bout is slated be late this month, he had hoped to get WBA king Jose Cuevas in the ring to clear up the welterweight championship but the WBA king turned down $200,000 to box Carlos in Italy.

On the undercard, Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, 144½, got back on the winning track by halting New York's Luis Resto at 2:22 of the second round. Luis had no business being in the ring with a boxer of Curry's class. Bruce just came off two tough bouts with world junior welterweight king Wilfred Benitez. Resto is still in the eight round class.

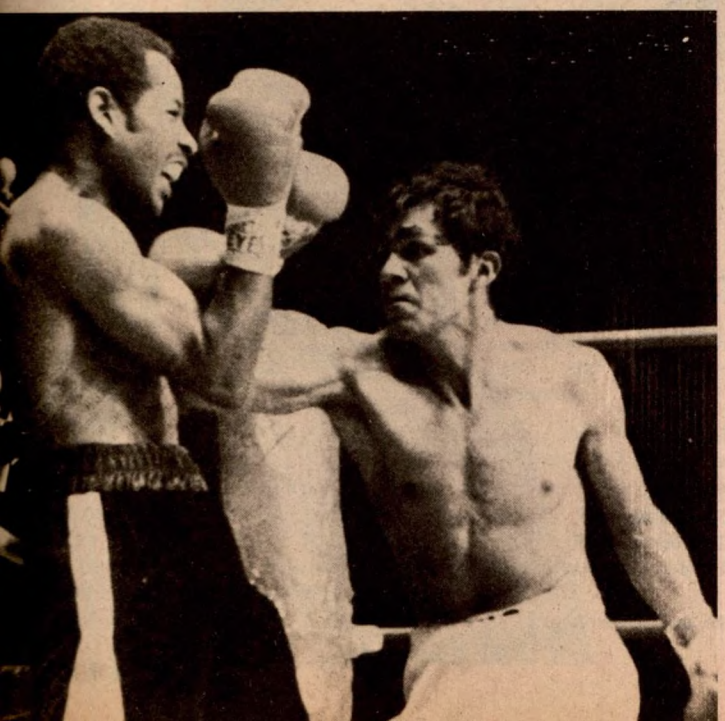


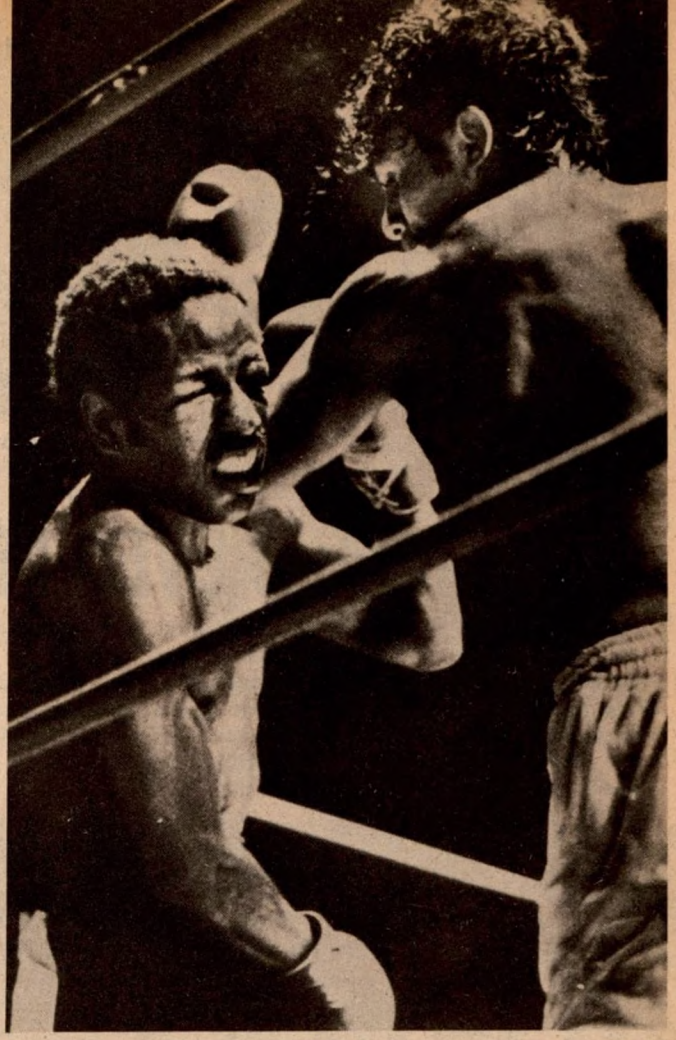
WBA welterweight champ Jose "Pipino" Cuevas, right, of Mexico, smashes a hard right to the head of Harold Weston, New York, in the ninth and final round of their Los Angeles bout.

Weston Falls To Cuevas In Ninth Round

By DON FRASER

HAROLD Weston Jr., a light-punching New Yorker with a classy boxing style, had predicted the fight would end in the ninth round, and he was correct. His miscalculation was in whose hand would be raised. It was Weston who sat on his stool disconsolately shaking his head as World Boxing Association welterweight champion Jose (Pipino) Cuevas was declared the winner at the end of the ninth round at the Olympic Auditorium. Weston was unable to continue because of an injured jaw.





Weston grimaces from the impact of a Cuevas left late in the fight. The fight was stopped after the ninth round with Weston unable to continue due to a broken jaw.

Cuevas, 20, making his fifth defense of the 147-pound title he won by knocking out Angel Espada (in the second round) July 17, 1976, in Mexicali, now is two for two in breaking opponents' jaws. Cuevas broke the jaw of his last challenger, Espada, in a rematch last year in Puerto Rico. He stopped Espada in the 11th round that time.

Weston, the seventh-ranked welterweight in The Ring's world ratings, had never been stopped in his eight years as a professional.

Making his first West Coast appearance with a record of 24-6-5 (6 KO's), Weston gave a good account of himself after weathering the first two rounds. He was almost floored in each.

The 146½ pound challenger got off to a bad start even before he entered the ring. He and manager Gil Clancy were showered with beer as they approached the steps.

Fans were wild. Police estimated 2,000 outside the area had been unable to obtain the tickets, and inside some opened umbrellas to avoid the spraying beer. They wanted excitement, and Cuevas gave it to them . . . immediately.

After Weston snapped the champion's head back a few times with stiff jabs, Cuevas began to unload. He staggered Weston several times with an assortment of blows, fired a right that

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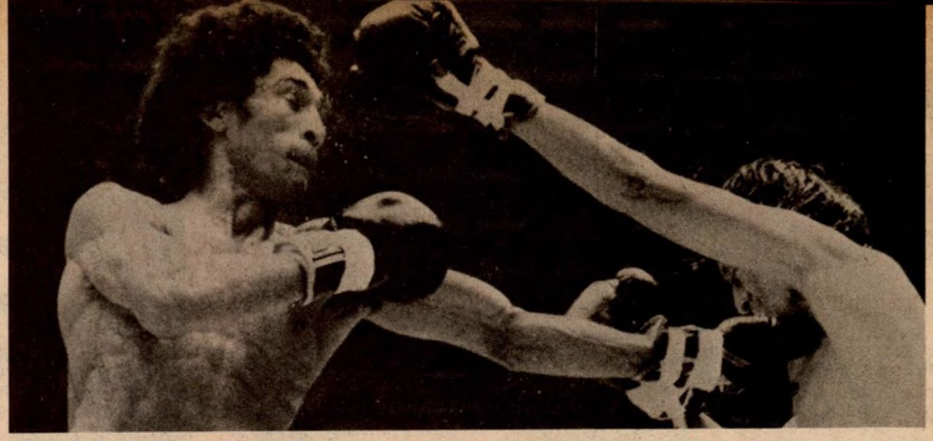
Cuevas, right, has now successfully defended his title five times since he won it from Angel Espada via KO on July 17, 1976.

By MARIO RIVERA



Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico and Mario Martinez of Nicaragua exchange blows in the tenth round of their world's junior lightweight championship bout in San Juan. Serrano kept his crown by a unanimous decision.

SERRANO OVER MARIO

ROBERTO CLEMENTE STADIUM, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO in a sport where hard hitting titleholders are a dim a dozen, Puertorican Samuel Serrano seems to be an outcast of sorts. Poor Sammy can run and he can box. He was built for this type of strategy because he is tall, long legged and fleet-footed. He can job with precision and occassionally can surprise you by leading with a right hand that he can use quite effectively in uppercut fashion. But he can't punch the way fellow-champions Roberto Duran, Alexis Arguello, Carlos Zarate, Carlos Palomino, Jose Cuevas and Wilfredo Gomez can. . . .

To further damage his image among Latin fight fans, his lantern jaw does not make him as physically good looking as the others. Still, he was good enough to ve voted the boxer of the year by the World Boxing Association because of his successful title defenses against Alberto Herrera, Lionel Hernandez, Apollo Yoshio and Tae Ho Kim.

In his latest defense, against one Mario Martinez of Nicaragua, Serrano took fifteen our of fifteen rounds but coult not stow away a rival who did not come to win but just to last the limit. This made for a dull fight. Dull in the sense that Serrano looks best when he is pressed by his rival. But dull as it was, it was satisfying to see a Puertorican make a successful championship encounter after recent title losses by welter Angel (Cholo) Espada, lightweight Esteban de Jesus and junior lightweight Alfredo Escalera.

The attendance was a far cry from the recent Escalera-Arguello fight for the other half (W.B.C.) of the junior lightweight title which drew over 18,000 fans. Here again, the fact that the fight was considered a one-sided affair in favor of Serrano plus the fact that no puncher was involved, were deciding factors. Around 4,000 fans attended.

Who's next in line for Serrano? "I'm fighting Mexican Rafael Limon in Las Vegas", said the champ. And what about Arguello? "Let him keep his half of the crown, for now I'm not interested. Besides he's planning to move into the lightweight division", concluded Serrano.

In prelim bouts, ranked bantam Puppy Hernandez outpointed Nicaraguan Coty Garcia in the best fight of the evening over ten rounds. Garcia was a worthy rival but Puppy tossed more leather.

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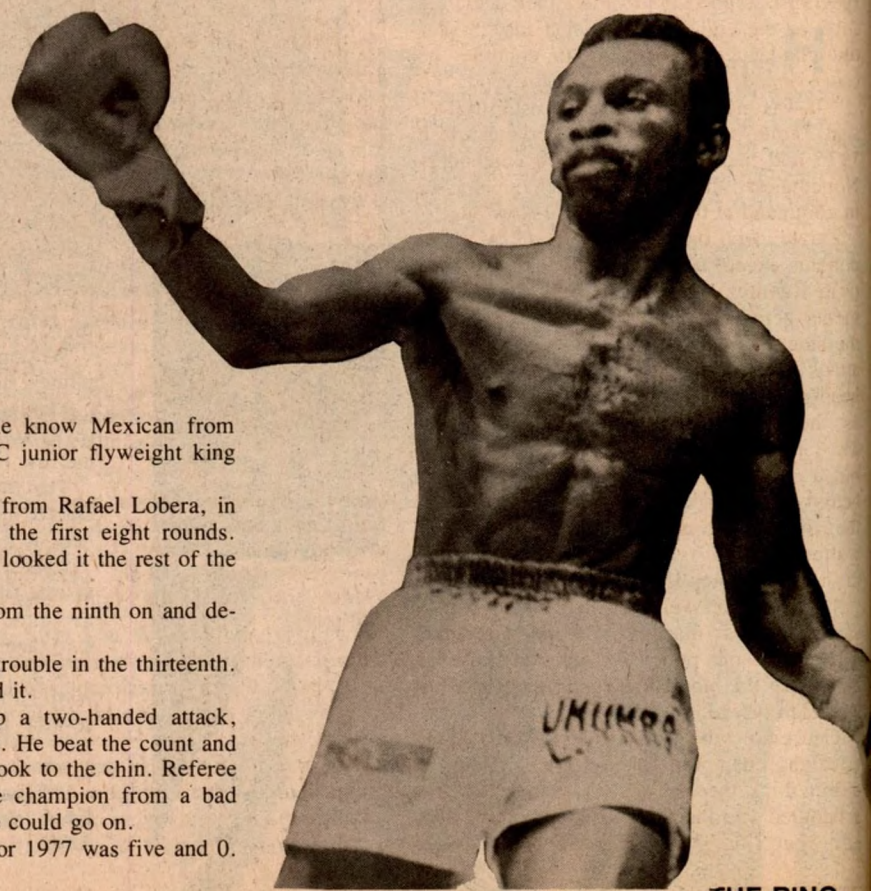
Estaba Loses WBC Junior Fly Crown To Castillo

By JOSE ORTIZ



CARACAS, VENEZUELA—Freddy Castillo, A little know Mexican from the Yucatan scored a major upset when he halted WBC junior flyweight king Luis Esaba, Venezuela, in the fourteenth round.

Luis, making the twelfth defense of the title he won from Rafael Lobera, in Caracas on Sept. 13, 1975, dominated the contest for the first eight rounds. Then his age caught up with him. Luis is over forty and looked it the rest of the way.

The 22-year-old Mexican came on like gangbusters from the ninth on and decked the champ with a left hook in the twelfth round.

Estaba hung on and lasted the 12th, but was again in trouble in the thirteenth. It seem like just a matter of time until Castillo would end it.

The fourteenth was Luis Waterloo. Freddy open up a two-handed attack, which ended up with the champion going out of the ring. He beat the count and got back into the ring, and was finished off with a left hook to the chin. Referee Jay Edison, Naples, Fla., stopped the bout, saving the champion from a bad beating. Luis did beat the count but there was no way he could go on.

There is not much on the new champion, his record for 1977 was five and 0.

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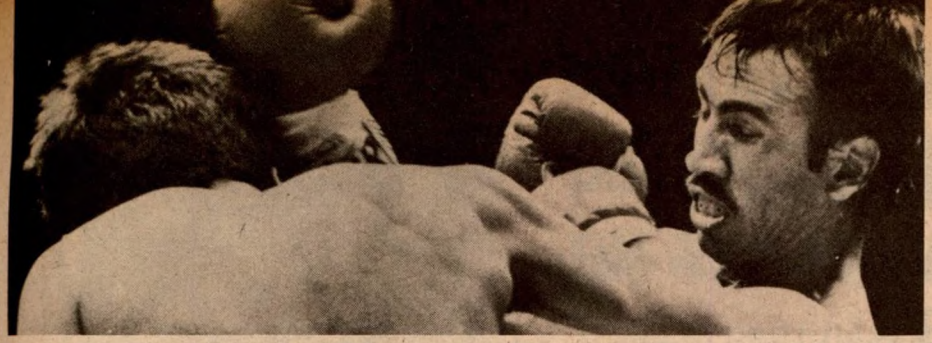
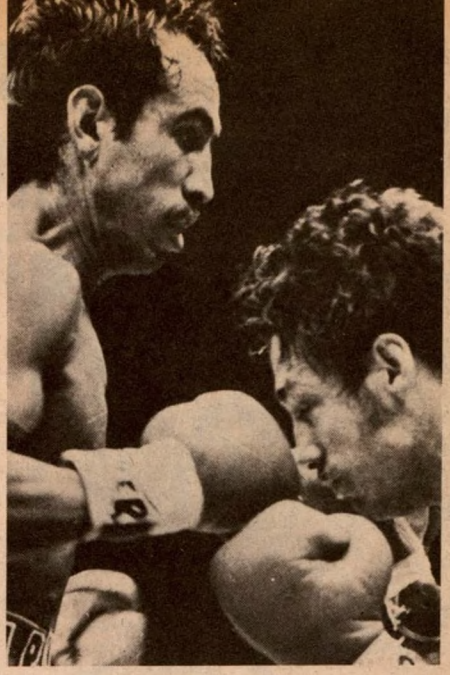


Pomona's Alberto Davila attempts a short right as WBC bantam champ Carlos Zarate ducks away and counters with a left to the head in the third round of the Inglewood, Calif., title bout.



Zarate is about to connect with a right to the nose of Davila. Zarate retained his crown when referee Henry Elespuro stopped the fight at 2:16 of round eight.

Zarate Calls Davila Toughest Foe, but Wins KO in Eight

By DON FRASER

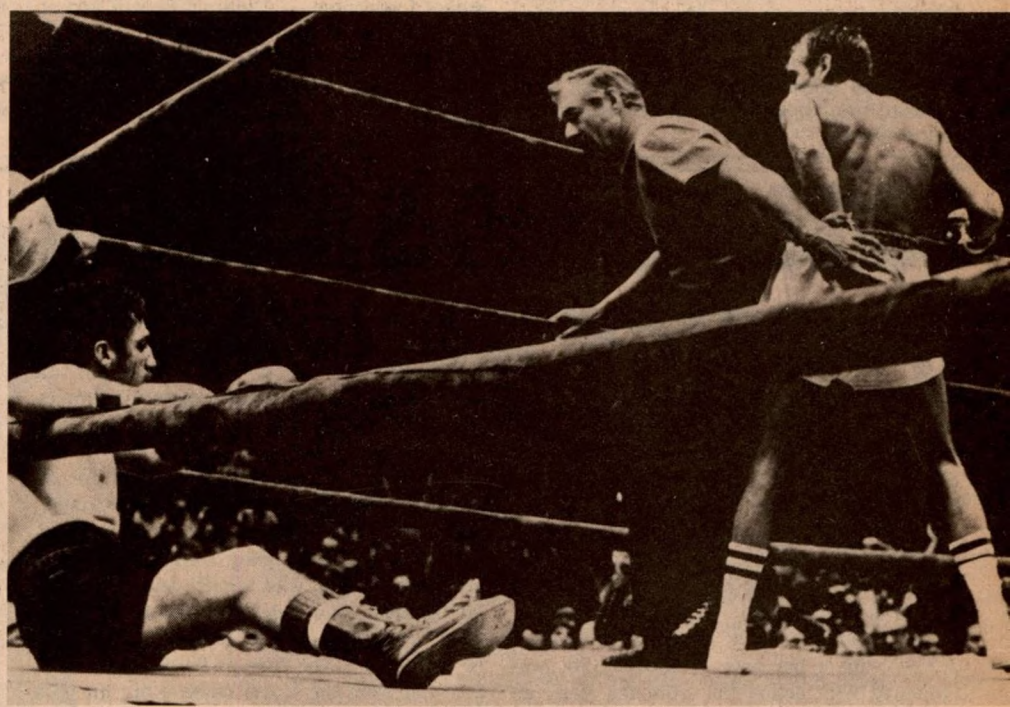
INGLEWOOD, Calif.—As expected, Carlos Zarate recorded another knockout in defense of his World Boxing Council bantamweight championship at the Forum, but this time he got his hair mussed. The Mexico City KO specialist stopped Pomona's Albert Davila at 2:16 of the eighth round when the 23-year-old challenger was unable to continue because of a deep gash on his right eyelid.

"It was my toughest championship fight," said Zarate, who won the 118-pound title in 1976 and had knocked out five contenders. Nonetheless, the 26-year-old champion was in command at the finish after a slow start.

Zarate, who has stopped all of his 50 opponents except a virtually unknown Mexican (Vic Ramirez) in 1974, floored Davila moments before the end. Trapped in a corner, the stocky, 5-2 challenger was under a heavy attack when Zarate's crisp left hook to the head dropped Davila on the seat of his pants as the crowd of 7,100 roared. Davila, a 3½-1 underdog, was up at the count of four, but a cut above his right eye began to bleed heavily, and Dr. Roger Thill was called into the ring to examine the injury. As Zarate waited, his heavy artillery in firing position, the fight was stopped.

"He was cut very slightly in the fifth," said Davila's manager Bennie Georgino, "The knockout punch is what did it. When he got up the blood was running. It was just a scratch before."

Georgino, who also manages WBC featherweight champion Danny Lopez, said he didn't think the cut was bad enough for the scheduled 15-rounder to be stopped and added, "but I'm glad it was. It would've got worse. He's a young kid; he'll be back."



(Above) Moments before the end of the bout Davila was floored by a crisp left hook to the head. (Right) Dr. Roger Thill examined Davila's badly bleeding right eyelid and ruled the fight should be stopped.

Davila, 117½, a former prep cross-country runner, didn't run from the champion. In fact, he appeared to win the second, third and fourth rounds after each exchanged a few jabs in an otherwise actionless first three minutes.

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HAGLER TAKES OUT FINNEGAN IN EIGHT

Middelweight contender Marvin Hagler has opponent Kevin Finnegan bleeding from the mouth in their scheduled ten-round bout at the Boston Garden. Finnegan, from London, was unable to answer the bell for round nine.

By "SAILOR" DON SAUER

BOSTON-Marvelous Marvin Hagler took another giant step toward a world middleweight title fight by stopping Irish Kevin Finnegan when the commission doctor refused to allow the Irishman to come out for the ninth round at the Boston Garden. Both fighters punched it out with reckless abandon—Finnegan is the gamest gladiator this writer has seen around in years—literally "leaking like a sieve" for six rounds of the fight—the import kept coming like a freight train. Boxing superbly using a style to beat a southpaw, crowding and punching with the right hand—Finnegan and Hagler were about even going into the ninth—Kevin had been cut severely on the forehead—under the right eye—over the right eye—his face a mask of blood over 6 rounds of the match—never stopped punching—. Hagler retreated and attempted to counterpunch most of the fight, realized early he had his hands full with this plucky import. Hagler was 158 and Finnegan tipped the Fairbanks at 162—probably the best middleweight fight in a Boston ring in years. A rematch would sell-out the Garden—if they meet again. Undercard—eighth round semi-final, saw Willie "Fireball" Rodriguez 140 lbs. of Allentown, Pa., win a split duke over "local boy"., Dick Eckland, 142 of Lowell, Mass. . .Judges Joseph Blumsack and Barbara Roach scored for the winner, Rodriguez and referee Ed Fitzgerald had it for Ecklund. . . .In six round action—Joe "Wildman" Velmure, 224 of Lowell, Mass., was a unanimous winner over substitute Chico Santos of Hartford, who weighed

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Finnegan sustained a bad cut on his left cheek. The Hagler-Finnegan affair was one of the most exciting fights seen in Boston in years.

LOPEZ SHELLACKS ROSSMAN

By SAM TAUB

MIKE Rossman, the Turnersville, N.J., light heavyweight, with a bout pending with light heavyweight king, Victor Galindez, was blown right out of the picture when he was beaten and stopped by Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, from Stockton, Calif. who scored a TKO when the Skeeter failed to answer the gong for the seventh round of the final ten spot at the Felt Forum.

The scrap, witnessed by a paid turnout of 2,559, with a net gate of $39,677.70, was crammed with action but from the start, albeit Rossman tried hard, proved no match for the more seasoned Coast man and eventually found himself taking an eight second count from Referee Petey Della, unusual in pro scraps, finishing the sixth round and then collapsing.

Mike was in very bad shape, was in real trouble, and was on the verge of collapse as he returned to his corner, being unable to go on and announcer Jack Lee informed the crowd that the Jerseyman would be unable to come out for the seventh round. That was apparent, for Rossman, trying to turn the tide, was so badly beaten at the finish that there was no way he could salvage the scrap. It was the two fisted attack of Lopez, expecially to the body, that finally saw Mike's hopes go out the window. That put the kibosh on Teddy Brenner's plans for a meeting between the Jerseyman and the light heavyweight boss.

The more experienced man from California, who went fifteen heats against John Conteh, was well in command throughout and the action by our friend, Petey Dellas, was unexplainable. Lopes was terrific and there was no quesion about who was the better man. Mike was thoroughly beaten and fortunately he came out of the fight as he did. However, the man from the Coast made a big hit with the turnout and would be welcomed back. Lopez weighed 175½, Rossman, 171 pounds. Fernandez deserved the decision.

Sorry, folks, but the draw decision in the co-semi-final, was off beat, in our opinion, The pairings were classy Vilomar Fernandez, originally from the Dominican Republic, has all the fancy moves and our opinion was that he won the scrap with willing Larry Stanton, of Merrick, L.I. Larry tried hard and it was by no means a one-sided affair and although Fernandez at times appeared to be satisfied with merely keeping his man off he controlled the action of the bout.

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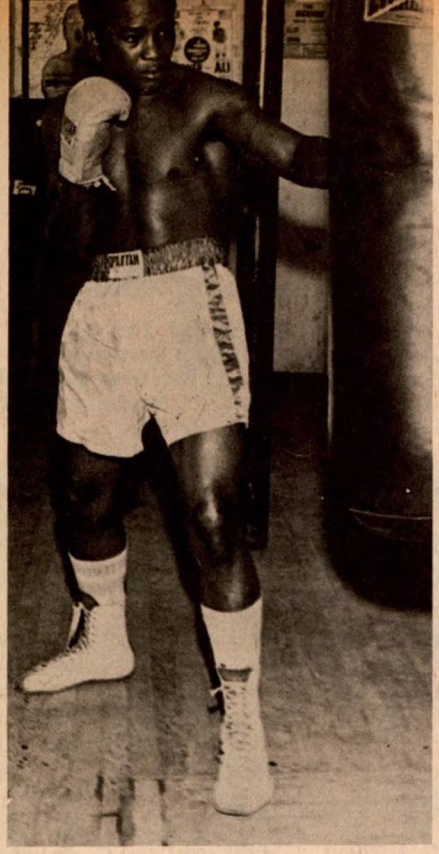
Yaqui Lopez, left, and Mike Rossman shown in first round action at Madison Square Garden in New York. Lopez overdame cuts over both eyes to virtually kayo Rossman in the sixth. Mike was unable to come out for the seventh round.



The former champion, Elisha Obed, has been going downhill for the last two years. He lost his crown to Eckhard Dagge in Germany, June 18, 1976.

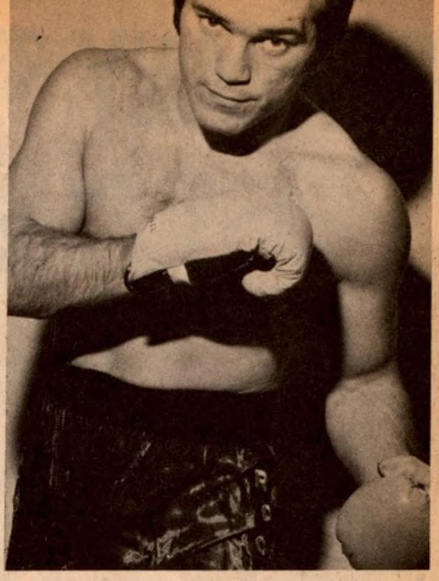
MATTIOLI PUTS OBED'S CAREER ON THE ROCKS

By ALBERT RAFEY

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Making his first appearance back in his native Australia since he won the WBC junior middleweight crown in 1977, Rocky Mattioli kayoed former champion Elisha Obed in seven.

Rocky last boxed in Australia on Sept. 19, 1975, when he was outclassed by New York's Harold Weston over ten rounds in Melbourne. After that, he moved to Italy, where he's been boxing over the last two years. He's been undefeated going to the post thirteen times, winning twelve and drawing one, scoring eight kayos. His record in Australia was 37-4-1, with 26 knockouts. He once held the Australian welterweight crown.

Some of Mattioli's big wins in Europe were: Ralph Palladin, Alfonso Hayman, Jorgen Hansen, Top Cat Jackson and Larry Paul. The draw was against Bruno Arcari. He won the W.B.C. title from Eckhard



WBC world junior middleweight champion Rocky Mattioli, who returned to his native Australia and knocked out his challenger, Elisha Obed.

Dagge of Germany on Aug. 6, 1977 via five round kayo. Obed was his first defense. In 1978, he boxed an over the weight contest with Jose Rodriguez in Las Vegas, Nev. Rocky won a decision.

Obed has had rough going since losing his crown to Dagge in Germany. Since then, he has engaged in nine bouts, winning five, dropping two and drawing twice. He had a

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CASSIDY, O'GRADY, WIN IN VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

THE luck of the Irish held fast in a St. Patrick's Day boxing epic at Las Vegas' Aladdin Hotel.

Jewish promoter Bob Arum turned the whole night Irish as he presented a five-bout card, each one featuring a fighting Son of Erin.

The fighting Irishmen and their opponents plied their talents in a green ring, squared off with green ropes. As an added touch, all the fighters wore green boxing gloves.

Irish Eyes were smiling in all but one corner as the fighting Irishmen pulled off four victories out of five.

The main event featured featherweight Sean O'Grady, 127, of Oklahoma City, who made short work of his Memphis-based opponent, Eddie Freeman, 126.

The 19-year old pre-med student handled his opponent with all the skills and precision of a practiced surgeon.

O'Grady rained a barrage of jabs on the hapless Freeman, moved him to the ropes, and inflicted a brutal KO at 2:47 of the first round.

The win gives O'Grady an awesome record of 53-1, with 48 knockouts. His only loss was to WBC Champion Danny Lopez—from whom he hopes to wrest the title shortly.

This fine Irish lad is surprisingly modest about his superior skills and record. Soft-spoken and well-mannered, he stated in his dressing room after the fight: "I don't have any special secret. This just comes from a

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RANZANY STORMS PAST SHIELDS

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SACRAMENTO—Welterweight Pete Ranzany scored a decisive win over elusive Randy Shields to retain his North American Boxing Federation title at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium. Shields had been taking a beating between the ears when the ringside doctor ordered the fight halted in the eleventh round due to a badly lacerated left eyebrow.

The bout was scheduled for twelve rounds, and was a rematch of an earlier encounter that ended in a second round technical draw when Shields caught an accidental butt. That bout did nothing to prove who the better fighter was. At the conclusion of their rematch, Shields said to Ranzany, "You deserved to win this one."

It was a good fight, not a great fight, but then fighters of relatively equal ability often neutralize one another's offense. What made the fight interesting was that it featured two legimate contenders in a very tough division, one an Irish boxer, the other an Italian puncher.

Shields, from North Hollywood, is the gifted boxer who has achieved a good knockout precentage, (25 kayoes in 35 bouts) by piling up his shots until opponents flounder and fall. Shield's plan was to keep Ranzany off balance, backpedal away, drop quick combinations, and tie Ranzany up on the inside, thus taking away

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(Above) Ranzany slams a left to Shield's jaw. This is one of the marks of a great fighter: the ability to punch through your opponent's defense. (Below) Shields lands a chopping left to Ranzany's face. The bout was halted at 1.52 of the eleventh round, Ranzany winning on a TKO.

HARRIS OUTPOINTS TONNA IN LAS VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

IT was more than a middleweight bout between third ranked Ronnie Harris of the United States and seventh ranked Gratien Tonna of France.

The event, held at Las Vegas' Aladdin Hotel on February 25 was the culmination of a week long fury between the fighters, their managers, their countries, and their corners.

Harris took a unanimous decision over the Frenchman; but his clinching, holding, low-blow tactics left him few friends among the fans.

The 158-pound southpaw scored a stroke of luck when he infliced at massive cut over Tonna's left eye in the second round. The cut bled so profusely that the Frenchman's vision was impaired throughout the fight.

Gratien Tonna, the tough street kid from Marseille, France, was not deterred by his 3-1 underdog status in the days before the bout; but a fracas in his dressing room just before fight time had Tonna psychologically KO'D before he even entered the ring.

A week of sizzling emotions between the camps erupted just before fight time when Harris' father and corner men burst into Tonna's dressing room and beat up his 58-year-old manager, Marcel Martin. Martin was thrown to the floor and kicked in the head, causing injuries serious enough to require hospitalization.

The excuse given by Harris' father, Willie, was the fact that Tonna was caught pounding his gloves against the wall to harden the padding.

The elder Harris and managers Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones had been in a frenzy for days before the fight—due to an anonymous note by a trouble-making tipster. The note claimed that the imported officials were being paid off to throw the fight to Tonna.

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Ronnie Harris, Canton, Ohio, lands a left to the head of Frenchman Gratien Tonna during early action in their twelve-round middleweight fight in Las Vegas. Harris raised his record to 26-0, winning a unanimous decision.

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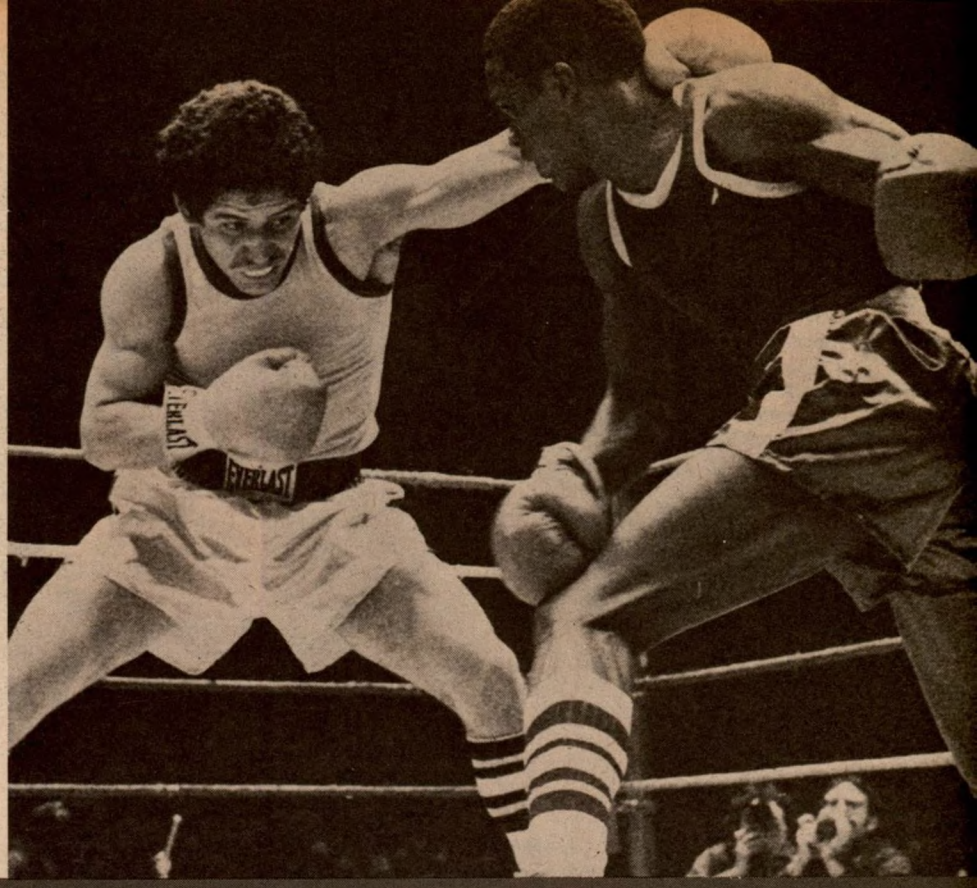


David Moore, of the Morrisania Youth Center, right, and Ramon Nieto, Lunar Boxing Club, mix it during 147-lb. Open title bout. Moore won the title for the second straight year.

NEW YORK GOLDEN GLOVES THRILL 20,354 AT GARDEN

THE annual *Daily News* Golden Gloves Finals, staged in Madison Square Garden on March 10, turned out to be a smashing success, with 20,354 cash customers sitting in, and excitement running rampant from the start of hostilities at 8 P.M. until the final bout was over at a minute before midnight. The show was full of action, albeit the heavyweight bouts were a bit off. The winners were the *New York Daily News* charities.

There was no question, after watching most of the early events, that this evening was to be a classic, and not a human being left the arena until the final blow was struck and the presentation of trophies had brought the show to a finale. Action was the keynote and salute to two of the outstanding contributors, Harry Forbes and Jack Smith, of the *Daily News* staff, and all the others who helped make it a memorable evening.

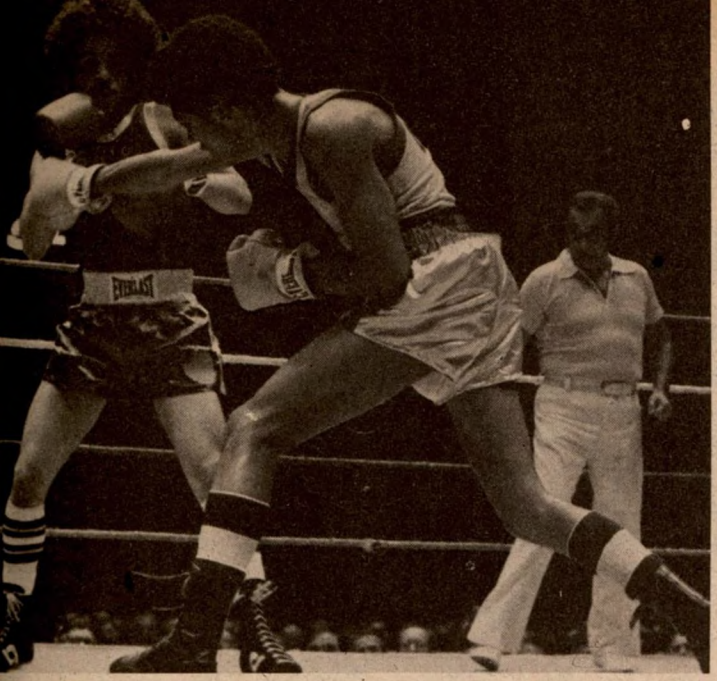
The fireworks started with the opening, the 106-pound-subnovice championship, which culminated in a decision victory for Dennis Price, of the Castle Hill Athletic Club, over George Pimentel, representing the Police Athletic League. The little fellows were a forerunner of the excitement that followed.

The second bout on the program saw Miguel Rosario, of the Castle Hill Athletic Club, swap punches with George Pimentel, of the Police Athletic Club, neither man letting up for a single moment from the start with Rosario getting the nod in the 106-pound open.

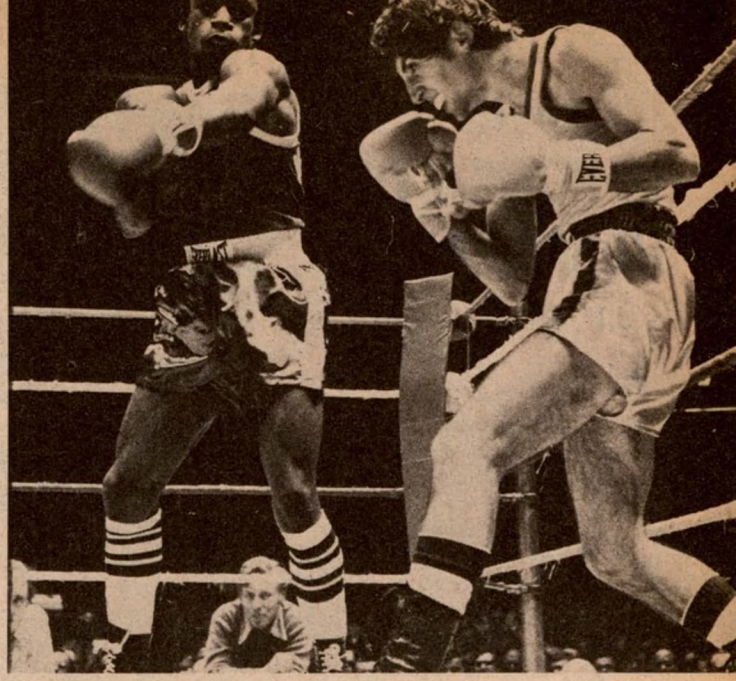
Plenty of free punching continued throughtout the evening, when Hector Camacho, of the LaSombra Sporting Club, was returned victorious in another slam-bang affair in the 112-pound sub-novice division of Darryl Hall, who wore the colors of the Castle Hill Athletic Club.

If that wasn't fireworks enough, the fourth scrap was even more of a bombshell and the crowd was on its feet throughout! That was the 112-pound open scrap in which Kenneth Mitchell, from the Morrisania Youth Center, started tossing bombshells against Gabe Per-

Alex Ramos, Jerome BC, left, lands a stiff jab to the nose of Norberto Sabater, N.Y.C. Recreation, in their 160-pound Open title bout. The 17-year-old Ramos took the decision and the title.



Juan Cruz, La Sombra Boxing Club, right, is short with a right against Ben Torres of the Castle Hill Athletic Club in 118-pound Sub-novice title bout at the Garden. Cruz won via a decision.



Ken Mitchell, left, Morrisania Youth Center, left, and Gabe Perillo, N.Y.C. Recreation, during hot exchange in 112-pound Open title bout. Mitchell won via decision.

rillo, from the New York City Recreation Dept., from Staten Island, and the crowd gave the principals a standing ovation. the winnder being Mitchell.

THERE was no let-up when the heavier boys appeard for the fifth bout, which saw Michael Mills, of the Empire Sporting Club, after a hard battle, earn the decision over John Ross, a product of the United Block Association, another Manhattan outfit.

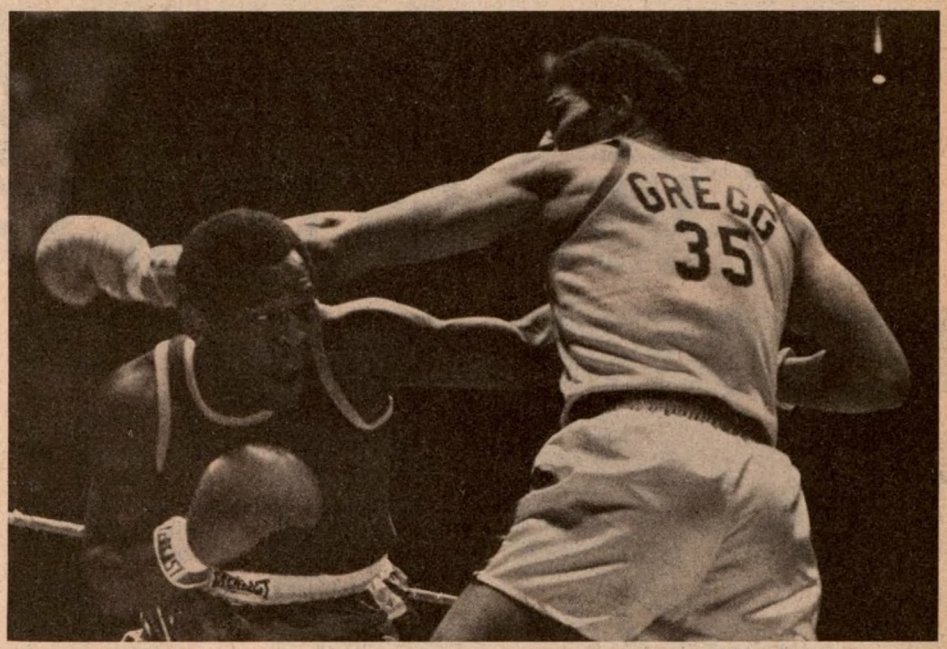
The sixth event on the card was a three-round scrap in the 175-pound open, which brought about the first kayo of the night. In this encounter, Ronald Huston, unattached, was returned a kayo winner over David Rogers, representing the Izzy Zerling Recreation Center. Blows to the jaw, a right and then a left, ended the slugfest after 43 seconds of the final round.

Then came the 118-pound sub-novice title fracas, which saw Juan Cruz, of the LaSombra Sporting Club, in another stubborn get together, outmaul Benjamin Torres, who wore the colors of the Castle Hill Athletic Club.

In another duel, the 118-pound open championship, the fans didn't all agree with the decision given to Carmelo Negron, of the Solar Sporting Club, in another good one, at the expense of David Capo, of the New York City Recreation Dept.

The next scrap saw a toe-to-toe slugfest between Francisco Fuentes of the Police Athletic League, and Christopher Mazzola, also of the P.A.L.

THE longer the evening progressed, the hotter the fights became. David Moore, of the Morrisani Youth Center, from the Bronx, had his hands full in a duel against Ramon Nieto, from the Lunar Boxing Club, but managed to get the duke when it was over.



Ed Gregg misses a jab against Charles Arnold of the Empire Sporting Club. Gregg, 6'5" and 214, and representing N.Y.C. Recreation, landed enough lefts—and rights—to take decision, winning the heavyweight Open Championship.

IN the eleventh fight on the card, Floyd Patterson, first man ever to win the heavyweight crown twice, saw his protege, Gary Arold, wearing the colors of the Huguenot Boxing Club, bite the dust when referee Joe Cortez stopped his fight with Roberto Vinas, of the Solar Sporting Club, after 1:58 of the third round. The winner scored a standup count of eight in the second round and had his man in bad shape when the arbiter called if off. The Patterson man had five decisions until he ran afoul of Vinas. Floyd handled his man in his corner and handled himself with class. Incidentally, the winner also had five decisions in the tournemant.

IN another 126-pound open championship duel, Richard Flores, of the Castle Hill

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BENTON HAS A HIGH OPINION OF THE MAN HE TRAINED TO BEAT MUHAMMAD ALI. . .

By J.D. McCAFFREY

"HOW do you nurse a champion?" That's the question asked by George Benton, the man who trained Leon Spinks for the fight that brought Spinks the heavyweight championship of the world.

Benton, who was brought into the Spinks camp by Butch Lewis for the Alfio Righetti fight, the needed win over a ranked fighter, and then for the Muhammad Ali fight for the title, is no longer with Spinks. (Righetti suddenly appeared in the World Boxing Council's rankings when Spinks needed to beat a ranked contender to fight Ali.)

After the Ali fight, Benton left Las Vegas after apparently having words with Sam Solomon, Leon Spinks' trainer.

Benton in a reflective mood. The former middleweight contender trains ten fighters on a full-time basis.

GEORGE BENTON SPEAKS HIS MIND ON LEON SPINKS

Therefore, since he prepared Spinks for two critical fights, and he is no longer with Spinks, Benton is uniquely qualified to comment on Leon Spinks' future.

Benton was found at Joe Frazier's Gym on North Broad Street, in a semi-industrial section of North Philadelphia. Benton was working with several of the ten fighters he trains full-time and consented to talk about Spinks' prospects.

"Now we all know he had only eight professional fights," said Benton, "and he just won the title.

"Winning the title does something for a man," Benton, the articulate, soft-spoken fighter-turned-trainer said, "I'm hoping it'll step (Spinks) up four notches. He's got that ambition.

"I've seen guys who were not as good as Spinks improve with it. With Leon, he's got time on his side," Benton said.

Benton said he is hopeful that Spinks will use the next couple of months to learn: "He can lay back from fighting, take exhibition bouts and get schooled."

Benton, who is considered a sharp strategist, was asked about Spinks' prospective opponents.

Among the earlier fights will be one with Ken Norton.

"When he goes with Norton, he'll be ready. He went a good hard 15 rounds (against Ali) and he knows he can do it."

The strategy? "Norton cannot fight going back. Take Ken Norton back and you got him beat," Benton said. "Give Leon a big improvement on defense and a little more left hand going in . . . He did it to perfection with Ali. The other guy (Norton) is a better puncher than Ali.

"Ali is not interested in hurting you, he's just out to out-fox you. Norton can hurt you. He is only gonna fight one way."

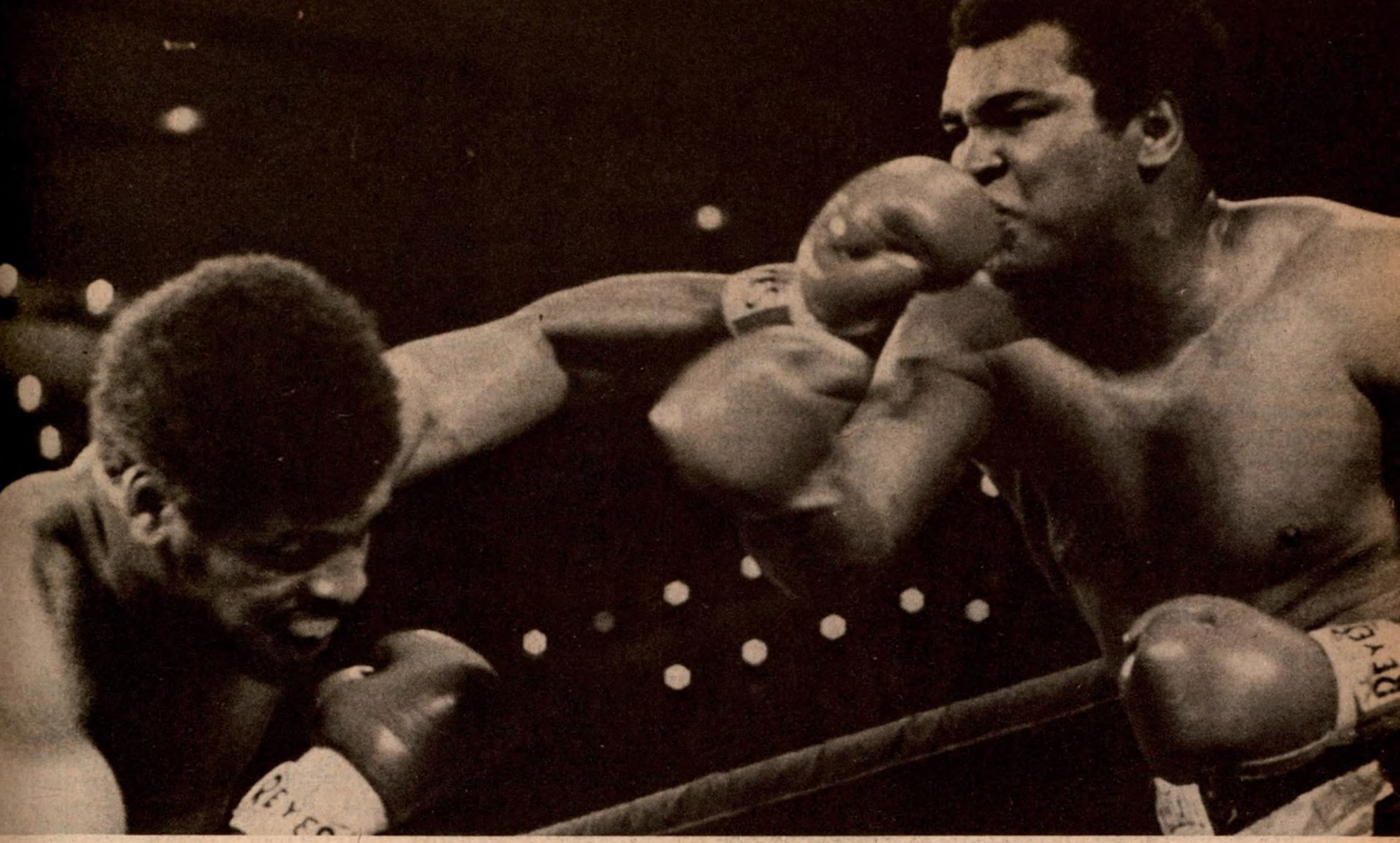
He thinks Spinks, with proper training, can be a very flexible fighter.

But Benton said he wouldn't be overconfident: "Everybody in the heavyweight division can present some problem."

One of those problems that can be avoided is Earnie Shavers.

"I don't think (Spinks') management has any interest in fighting Shavers. He's a

Muhammad Ali's left has found the ear of Leon Spinks. Muhammad failed to intimidate the ex-Marine, who copped a split decision after fifteen rounds of fighting.



dangerous puncher—it's not necessary to fight Shavers. It wouldn't be wise to take on a guy like Shavers, one of the most devastating punchers in the division. He is a right hand puncher and Leon would have to crowd him, because Leon is not a boxer. He's more prone to attack rather than try to pick off a man with a shot."

If Spinks were to fight Shavers, Benton would advise him "to keep that right hand quiet—keep him busy—then after five or six rounds, attack. Shavers doesn't have that stamina."

Another formidable opponent for Spinks, Benton said, is Jimmy Young, who also trains at Joe Frazier's, who Benton called, "one of the best in the division."

"Young is a good boxer, a fair puncher. Any heavyweight is gonna have trouble with him. I'd stay away from him as long as I could till I got seasoned.

"But," Benton continued, "He's caught in the web of the championship."

To nurse him, Benton said, "he can go on to be a great champ, but for now he has gotta pick the right challenger."

Other heavies include George Foreman: "Leon could beat Foreman by just jumping all over him and staying on him. Foreman is not a fast fighter, he wants time to swing.

"I'd have him run for six rounds, stick and run, give away six rounds, then jump on him."

Benton said Foreman doesn't have a lot of endurance, "I don't know if it's his huge bulk—he has arms like a blacksmith—or it might be a physical problem, lacking something in body chemistry."

(Above) Spinks holds off Muhammad with a left jab in the seventh round. Spinks became the world heavyweight champion in only his eighth professional fight, a new modern record.

Ken Norton and George Foreman loom as possible opponents for young Leon. Benton: "Leon could beat Foreman by just jumping all over him and staying on him."

Another serious heavyweight is Larry Holmes: "That would be a good fight. He's young and undefeated. Holmes is not a dangerous puncher, but is a good boxer with a good left. There is an outside chance he could win the title."

Other heavyweights: "Ron Lyle. I don't think we have to deal with Lyle."

Alfredo Evangelista: "I wouldn't underrate him. I'd have Leon stay on top of him, but I haven't really watched him enough."

And Duane Bobick: "He's a lot better fighter than people thought. But I'd better not say, I train Bobick."

And of course, Ali: "With the money they're gonna make, it will be impossible not to think of Ali. They're gonna make enough to air condition hell."

Benton said he'd have Leon fight Ali the same way.

"Why change? Ali is gonna fight the same fight, and Ali is gonna be six or seven months older and one beating older.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LEON SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI† ..... Louisville, Ky.
2—KEN NORTON** ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
8—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
9—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
10—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—ALVARO LOPEZ† ..... Stockton, Calif.
4—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
5—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnersville, N.J.
6—MATT FRANKLIN ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—MIGUEL CUELLO ..... Argentina
10—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
3—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
4—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
6—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—EDGAR WALLACE ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
9—ALAN MINTER ..... England
10—TOM CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
4—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
5—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
6—BILLY BACKUS† ..... Syracuse, N.Y.
7—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
8—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
9—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
10—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
5—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
8—EVERALDO COSTA AZEVEDO ..... Argentina
9—EDDIE MARCELLO ..... Trinidad, W.I.
10—JOSE FIGUEROA ..... Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
2—MONROE BROOKS† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
4—DAVID GREEN ..... England
5—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
6—LAURIE AUSTIN (BABY CASSIUS) ... Australia
7—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
8—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
9—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
10—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ANDREW GANIGAN† ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
2—ESTEBAN DEJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
3—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
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5—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
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7—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
8—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
9—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
5—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
6—FRANK BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
9—DIEGO ALCALA ..... Panama
10—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ†** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3—CECILIO LASTRA* ..... Spain
4—DAVID POISON KOTEY ..... Ghana
5—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbus, Ohio
6—HONG SOO-HWAN ..... South Korea
7—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
8—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
9—ROBERTO GASTANON ..... Spain
10—RAFAEL ORTEGA ..... Panama

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ† ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
5—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
6—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
7—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
8—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—ELISEO COSME ..... Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—GUTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
4—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
5—AL SANDOVAL† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—JUAN GUZMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
7—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
8—FREDDY HERNANDEZ ..... Colombia
9—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England

LARRY HOLMES

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT Larry Holmes' win over Earnie Shavers in Las Vegas, won him this month's award. This victory makes Holmes number three and Shavers, nine.

Other major victories for the month: Jose Cuevas defending his WBA welterweight title over Harold Weston; Carlos Zarate stopping Alberto Davila, WBC bantam title; Jorge Lujan retaining his world bantamweight crown with a kayo over Roberto Rubaldino; Colombia's Alfredo Pitalua's upset victory over ranking lightweight Vicente Saldivar; world welter king Carlos Palomino retaining his title via TKO over Mimoun Mohatar; Rocky Mattioli, WBC junior middle champion, stopping ex-king Elisha Obed in a title contest; Ronnie Harris outpointing Gratien Tonna, middleweights; Antonio Cervantes' kayo win over John Copeland in a non-title contest; light heavy victory by Bobby Cassidy over Ramon Ranquilla and upset in the flyweights with Puerto Rico's Jose Ortiz beating Juan Guzman.

Changes in the heavys. Alfredo Evangelista and Duane Bobick both scored victories moving Bobick to seven and Alfredo to eight. Duane defeated South Africa's Mike Schutte and Evangelista retained his E.B.U. Title with a decision over England's Billy Aird.

The junior middles; Elisha Obed falls from four to eight, loss to Mattioli: Edgar Ross' win over Tony Daniels moves him from eight to seven. Backus, Wissenback and Castellini each move up one as Obed falls.

Welterweight Harold Weston, defeated by Cuevas, goes from three to seven; Mayweather, Gray and Muniz, move up one spot each.

Cervantes and Montor Brooks move up to one and two, respectively, as an inactive Muangsurin drops to three. David Green's victory over Roy Johnson moves him from five to four, Montilla drops one place due to inactivity. Two win by Jimmy Heair move him from eight to seven as Thompson falls to ninth.

Alberto Sandoval's return KO win over Eliseo Cosme makes him number five.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
HEAVYWEIGHT						
John Tate	5/77	8	8	0	0	6
Knoxville, Tenn.						
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jerry Martin	2/76	9	8	1	0	5
Philadelphia, Pa.						
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Pat Cuillo	8/75	7	7	0	0	5
Binghamton, N.Y.						
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Claude Noel	11/73	13	11	2	0	9
Trinidad, W.I.						

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AL HOGAN: HEAVYWEIGHT ON THE RISE

By BOB GOODMAN

THERE is little heard from Lou Viscusi, that wise veteran manager from Tampa, Florida. Very little indeed, until he wants people to hear something.

Al Hogan is a name that Viscusi now wants people to hear. We hear him loud and clear.

"This Hogan kid is going to be okay," says Viscusi with that knowing smile so familiar to boxing people who saw it so often when he managed the likes of Willie Pep, Joe Brown and Bob Foster among others.

"He's a big, good looking kid," Viscusi went on. "A dead ringer for that singer, Mac Davis," he said, admitting that Hogan can't carry a tune.

"He has a lot of promise," Lou went on. "He takes a heck of a punch and whacks pretty good himself. When he first came to me from New Orleans, he had six fights and lost two. He was very rough around the edges but showed me certain things in the gym that I like.

"He learns fast," continued Viscusi. "He's developing a good jab that he can work behind and is starting to think in there."

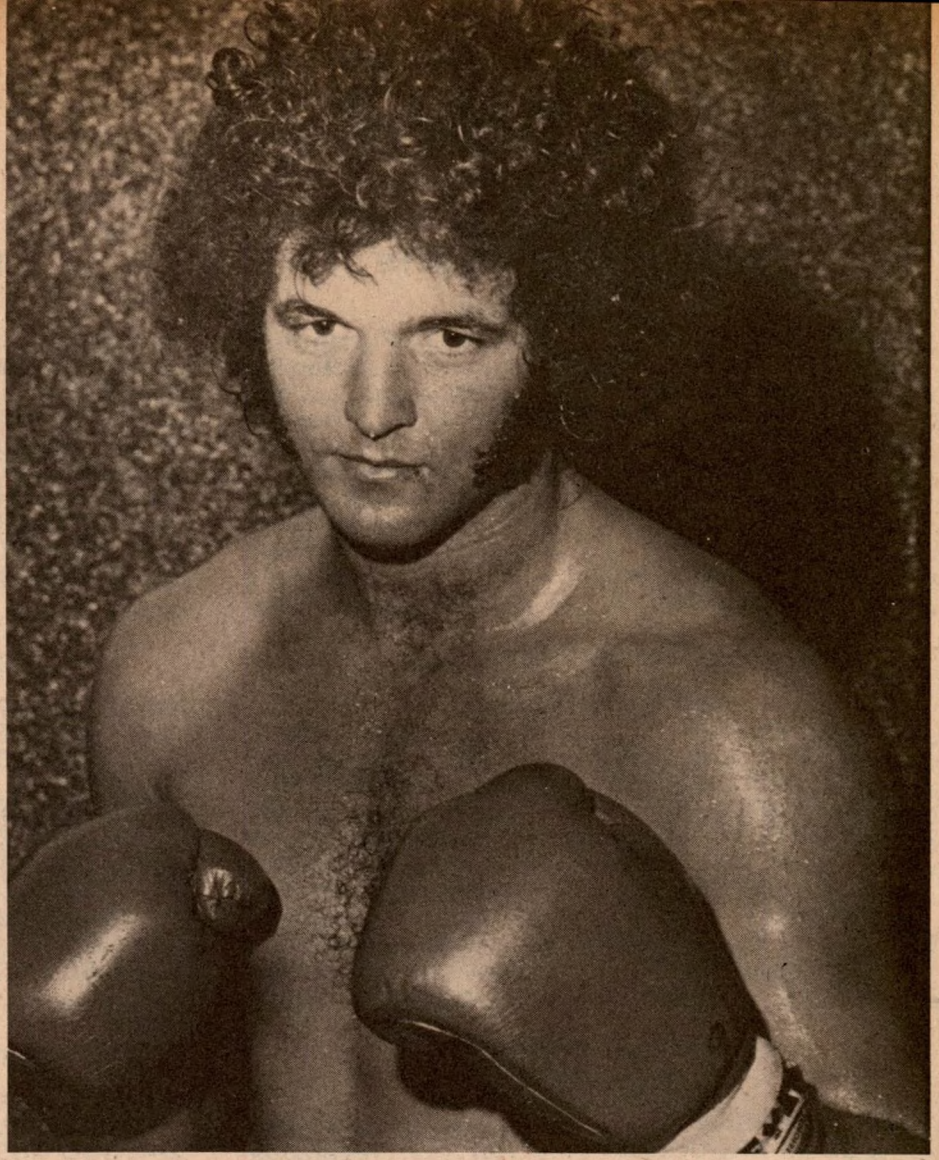
Hogan, just 25 years old, stands 6'3½" and weighs about 217 pounds. Since coming to Viscusi last year, Hogan has won eight in a row, six by knockout.

"I'm devoting all my time to boxing," says the polite Hogan. "My wife, Jackie, has been supporting us. She's been great. Together with Mr. Viscusi and people like Joe Brady, who helps train me, I've had all the support a guy could want."

Hogan was the Louisiana state heavyweight champion while he was still living in New Orleans. He lost in the national finals in Lowell, Mass. to big Leroy Jones, who is currently rated in the top ten in the world as an undefeated heavyweight.

"That was a long time ago," remembers Hogan. "I'd like to have another shot at Jones now. I think I'm ready for certain contenders right now. But Mr. Viscusi is the boss. I'm happy with my development and Mr. Viscusi says we're about a year away from top contenders."

Al's brother, Tony, is an oil rigger like their father, Buddy. Al's sister, Terry, is now serving in the U.S. Navy.



Al Hogan, Lou Viscusi's socker from Louisiana.

An exceptional athlete with good speed, Al excelled in both football and basketball in high school.

"I had thoughts of pursuing a career in pro football," recalls Al. "But I just loved boxing. There's something very special about being in the ring with another man. If you're not doing well and the guy has you on the ropes, you can't drop back and punt."

He has a good sense of humor, but basically, Al is a serious minded young man who knows what he wants to do and what he has to do to get it.

"There are many sacrifices I'm going to have to make to reach my goals," he admits. "I like working hard, both on the road and in the gym. I've gone into this program the right way with Mr. Viscusi. He's prepared me well for what's happening now and for what he figures will happen. If we reach

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Joe Baksi Turned Down Shot At Louis

By LESTER BROMBERG

TO fight Joe Louis was at once the thrill and the terror of the career of any heavyweight fighter of the 1930s and 1940s. Many took up the challenge, a few even twice, and learned a lesson of a punching fury they never forgot.

But how many ever turned down a chance to fight Louis? The writer, in 40 years of writing boxing, can remember one potential opponent who actually backed away, just one. In 1977, Joe Baksi died of cancer at the age of 55. He took the secret to the grave with him.

I remember vividly the circumstances and time when it happened. And, of course, the surprise engendered by the rejection of a great opportunity, plus the money involved.

In retrospect, it was the high point of Baksi's career, the peak of a onetime circus strongman's life who became a modern Jim Jeffries. He had stubbornly said "No" on April 17, 1947 to Sol Strauss, stand in and cousin to the promoter, Mike Jacobs, then in retirement.

Joe Baksi, right, talks things over with his trainer, Whitey Bimstein, during a workout in a London gym, October 23, 1946. Joe was getting ready to meet Freddie Mills.

Baksi was in England where he just earned the grudging plaudits of British critics on the second of two performances. First he boxed Freddie Mills, world's light-heavyweight champion, on Nov. 5, 1946, and grounded out the gutty cruiserweight in the sixth round. Then he had come back six months later to fight Bruce Woodcock, brightest of the British heavyweights. They carried Brucie to his corner cold in the seventh round.

"A monstrous body puncher" wrote Peter Wilson of the *Daily Mirror*. Frank Butler, of *News of the World*, said: "He will destroy every British heavyweight if he gets the chance."

It was a great disappointment to Louis and his manager, Marshall Miles. They had felt sure Baksi would accept the shot if he handled Woodcock. The only other available opponents were Jersey Joe Walcott and Melio Bettina, the southpaw, and both were ill-regarded.

Baksi was abroad with his managers, Nate Wolfson and Hymie Wallman, and his trainer, Whitey Bimstein. Even Nat Rogers, matchmaker for Jacobs, was in London to sign the winner. Rogers moaned over the phone. "Whoever heard of a guy refusing to fight for the championship?"

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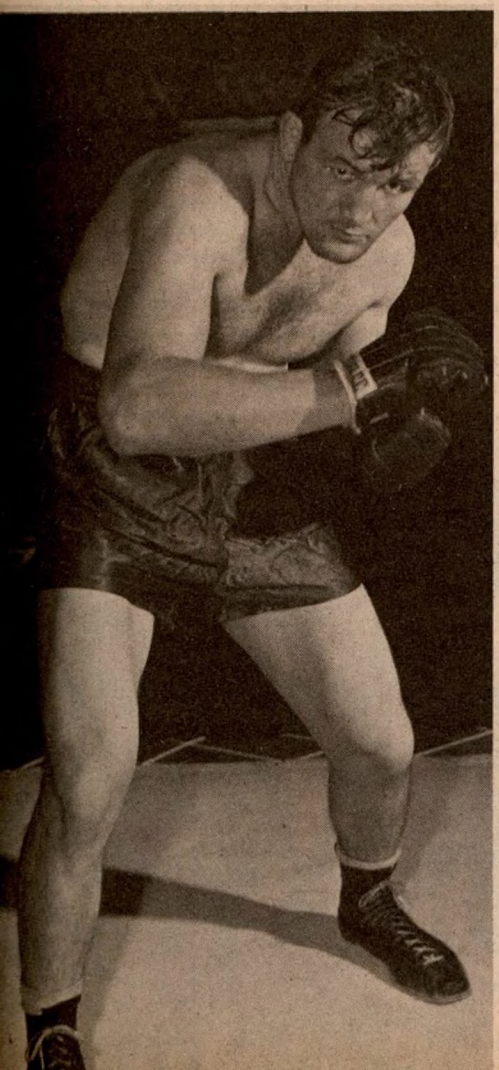
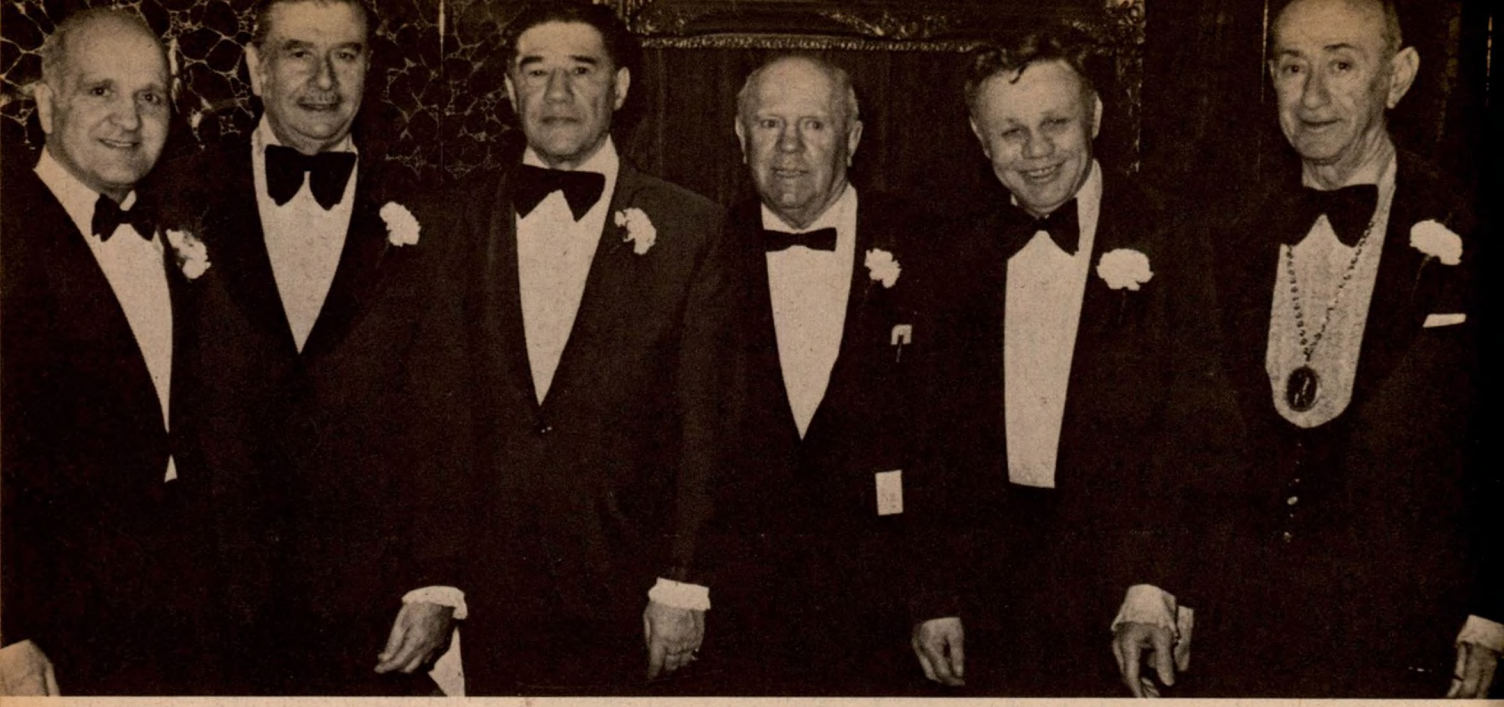


(Left) Joe Baski, Kulpmont, Pa. (Below) Baksi, right, enjoys a laugh with his wife, Ann, and his manager, Nat Wolfson, upon arrival in New York aboard the America, November 30, 1946. Joe and Wolfson had returned from London, where Baksi had defeated Freddie Mills.



The Dinner Committee. From left to right: Johnny DeFoe, Mickey Katz, Phil Rutha, Petey Burns, Al Reid, and Abe Berman, chairman.

RING 8'S 23RD ANNIVERSARY

By HARRY WARREN

THE Carlyle Ballroom in New York was humming and buzzing. It was a gala occasion. The special event was the twenty-third year of the inception of New York City's veteran boxers organization.

Ring 8 must be considered as one of the most famous of the ex-boxer groups in the world, its membership rolls read like a "Who's Who" in boxing. Fistic luminaries have attended meetings over the years as members and this writer recalls that in 1969-70, when it was my honor to be the recording secretary, the membership listed in excess of thirty former world champions, and the fantastic Ring 8 roll of honor must be the boxing historian's dream event of the year when the annual dinner is held. Jack Dempsey, Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale, Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler, Sugar Ray Robinson, Corporal Izzie Schwartz, Emile Griffith, Dick Tiger, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, Jack "Kid" Berg, Georges Carpentier, Jimmy Braddock, Phil Terranova, Lou Salica, Jake Lamotta, Ben Jeby, Willie Lamorte, Petey Scalzo, Paul Berlenbach, Jersey Joe Walcott, Freddie Red Cochrane, Joe Frazier, Joe Louis, Mike Belloise, Tippy Larkin and many other champions have been recipients of awards and have honored Ring 8 by attending the dinners. As with the previous 22 annual dinners, attendance was exceptional and one of boxing's most illustrious boxing champions was one of four personalities being honored at the banquet. Floyd Patterson, two-time heavyweight champion of the world, and at the time of this writing the acting chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, honorary and working chairman of Heart Fund for New York State, as if this doesn't keep him busy enough, he is the director of

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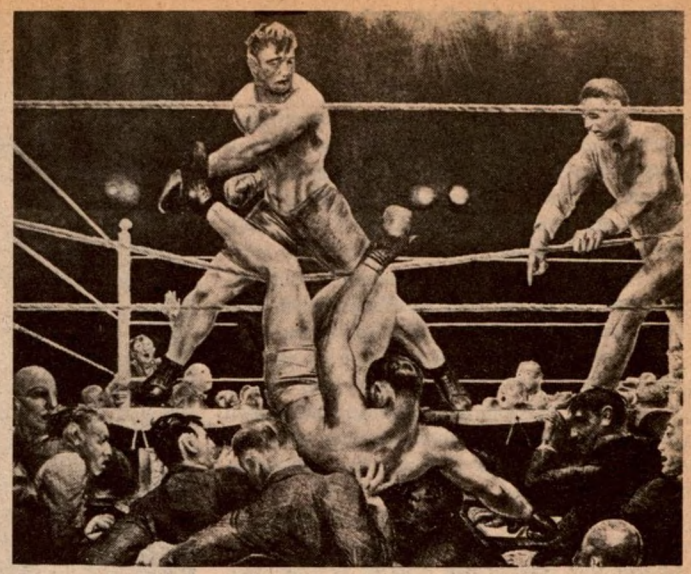
Honorees Nat Loubet and Floyd Patterson, seated. Standing, from left to right: President of Ring 8 Johnny DeFoe, New York boxing judge and second v.p. of Ring 8 Ray Kozak, president of Ring 14 and New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame president Charlie Spina, and Ring 8 recording secretary Abe Berman, also an honoree.

The Critic's Corner



George Bellow's lithograph "Dempsey vs. Firpo," is part of an exhibition recently shown at the Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University Hempstead, New York, which features prints, drawings, paintings and sculpture on the subject of boxing.

By JOAN F. LOUBET

THE ART OF BOXING

BACK in the 1960's, a collector named J. Terry Bender, commissioned by Syracuse University to build a collection on the history of athletics as they are practiced at the University, "tripped," as he would have it, "over the whole field of British and American boxing."

From that remarkable and inevitable pratfall developed a collection of his own, part of which comprises a truly beautiful and exciting exhibit, "The Art of Boxing," at Hofstra University's Emily Lowe Gallery. Beautiful because of the quality of the works (about fifty prints, drawings, paintings and sculptures); exciting because as an overview of the sport in which we are immersed, the examples help shape a historical perspective which makes sense.

The first surge of excitement comes as one enters the room, imaginatively invited into a dream arena. Facing one, naturally, is the familiar pose of the great John L.—what else!—paired with a similar one of handsome Peter Jackson, comtemporaries with such dissimilar careers. Sullivan's portrait is a Currier and Ives of the type we know well, the static posture in a country setting; Jackson's an aquatint so photographically detailed that one hardly needs the descriptive note that this type of portrait was the last step before photographs took over the genre. Sweet irony, that Sullivan, who refused to meet Black Prince Peter because of his color, should share a panel with him here!

Turn now to the wall by the door, where, outstanding among the several pictures in different media of the "Fives Court," the Madison Square Garden of its day, is the elegant "Interior of the Fives Court with Randall and Turner Sparring." One of the aquatints still in existence hangs in The Ring Museum and was reproduced on a recent cover where, even in reproduction, the warm reds and flesh tints mix with blacks and shafts of light to telling effect. Equally telling is the mix of rarefied Regency dandies, many chatting with backs to the ring, apparently oblivious to the action, while others watch intently. There is a sprinkling of children, male, of course, in top hats and frock coats, a couple playfully putting up their dukes, and a lone, well-muscled black with stripped torso, probably awaiting his turn in the squared circle.

Wander where one will, delights will reward one. There are lusty, busty Rowlandsons of an early period, a particularly delicious one being entitled "The Gig Shop, or Kicking Up A Breeze at Nell Hamilton's Hop", and, of course, Cruikshanks, without which no boxing exhibit would be complete, represented by two small, exquisite color engravings.

The famous George Bellows, "Dempsey vs. Firpo," this one a black and whit lithograph, appeared to be the star of the show opening night, catching the *wham!* of Firpo's murderous left and the flying motion of Dempsey's being knock out of the ring into the laps of the artist and reporters, one of whom, Jack Lawrence, has received credit through the years for being the one to help Dempsey back into the ring. (The only real casualty appears to have been Hype Igoe's typewriter.) Leroy Neiman hangs next to the Bellows in etching and seriograph, a startling contrast.

If I may be permitted two favorite memories, poles apart, they might be these: a wall composed entirely of representations of Cribb and Molineaux, and a panel exhibiting two lithographs of Robert Rigg, so stylishly hung (which is true of the entire exhibit) that one must stop for a moment to admire the work of the director, Kevin Consey. On one wall, two large prints are centered with smaller ones of combatants Cribb and Molineaux on either side: a color etching in the style of Rowlandson, "The Battle between Cribb and Molineaux," fresh as the day it was made; a small beauty of an etching of Cribb, the only colrs flesh ochre tights and a soft blue-grey crowd, the whole print measuring some 3 X 7 inches, crafted with infinite care and precision, and on the other side a corresponding one of Molineaux, done with equal care and effectiveness. A handsome artist's proof mezzotint of Molineaux pictures him a soft, smoky black with creamy trousers in pleasing contrast.

The panel exhibiting two lithographs of Robert Riggs was done in the early thirties. Call them sentimental, melodramatic if you will, but the impact is undeniable. One is "Trial Horse," showing the veteran fighter slipping out of his robe preparing to stand the young challenger in the other corner. His face is expressionless, his nose flat, and he is ready to perform his function, to test the calibre of the young up-and-comer who will now see just how good he really is. The other, "Corner Number One," shows seconds working over a man with swollen lips, bashed nose and dull eyes. A harsh light is on the fighter, one second, and reporters' faces at ringside; the rest is in murky shadow. Potent.

I must make amused note of the strong chauvinism evident on both sides of the Atlantic, a fact I have mentioned before. Currier and Ives, in the unfailing representation of the Heenan-Sayers bout, proudly proclaim, "John C. Heenan, Champion of the World, Beat the Champion of England in 42 rounds April 17, 1860; time, 2 hours 20 minutes." I needn't remind you, dear readers, that not only was Heenan never world champion, though he was accounted champion of America when Morrissey continued to duck a second encounter, but the fight was pronounced a draw. To even matters, I give you this passage from *Prize Ring Champions of England from 1719 to 1889* (pub. 1889), apropos of the first Cribb-Molineaux fight.:

> "An absurd story was invented three years afterward by Pierce Egan, or at least was reported by him, to the effect that during the rush to the ropes Molineaux had one of his fingers broken by some person endeavoring to pull him from the ropes; but indepen-

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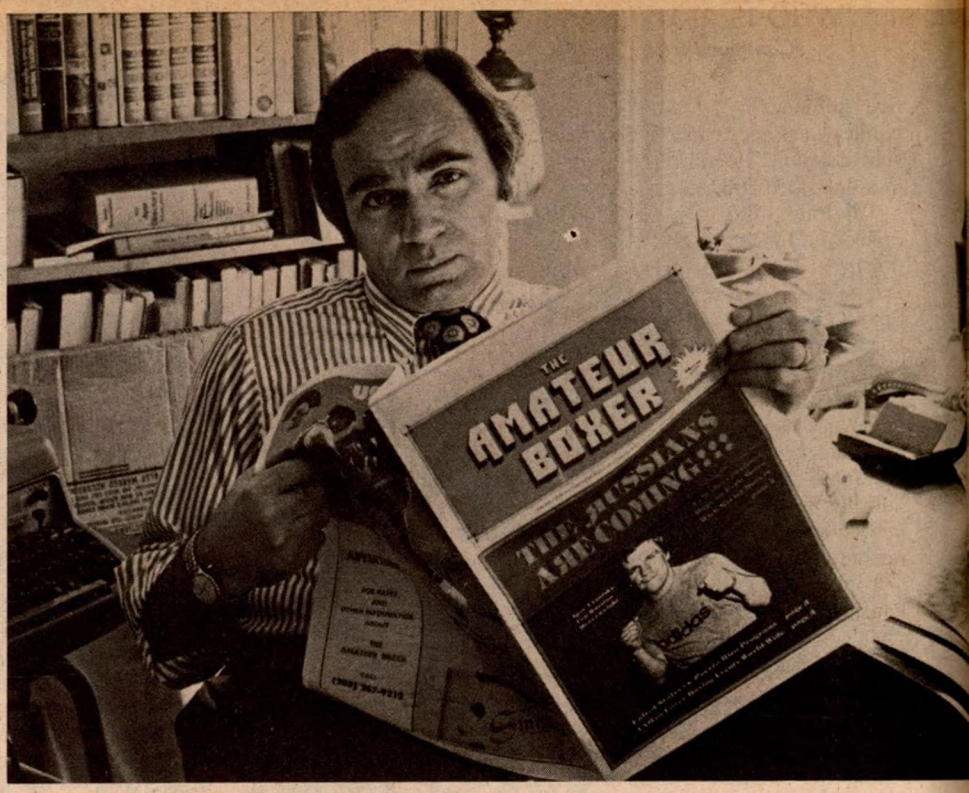
By BOB TAYLOR



Bob Taylor, editor and publisher of THE AMATEUR BOXER

"The Amateur Boxer" Hits The News Stands

"I got the idea of starting an amateur boxing publication when I saw the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard, Howard Davis and the Spinks brothers in the 1976 Olympics," says Bob Taylor, publisher-editor of THE AMATEUR BOXER.

"You just knew from the polish and experience of those kids that amateur boxing was coming back strong in this country."

A free-lance writer at the time he got the idea, Taylor saw a short time later that a new magazine, *Amateur Boxing*, had beaten him to the punch. *Amateur Boxing* first appeared on the newsstands in November 1976.

"Oh well," I thought, "there's no sense in two publications knocking their heads together out there, said Taylor. "But then *Amateur Boxing* went out of business the next summer. I decided to make my move."

Taylor was the logical person to start a new publication. He has a lengthy background in every phase of newspaper and magazine work. He had been an editorial writer for the *Providence (R.I.) Journal* and *Evening Bulletin* and the editor of *Urban World*, a nationwide periodical aimed at inner city high school kids.

He had sold ads, wrestled with circulation problems, done his own political cartoons, set type and even hauled papers around to newsstands.

And he has always loved boxing.

"As a 9-year-old newsboy, I used to save my pennies to buy old *Ring Record Books*. Many were the afternoons I spent at the old Morris Avenue Gym in Newark, N.J., watching the pros work out. I guess my earliest ambition was to be another Pierce Egan or Nat Fleischer."

As an amateur, service and semi-pro boxer in the late 40's and early 50's, Taylor compiled a respectable record. His first year out he fought to the finals of the New Jersey Golden Gloves. He became 139-lb. champ of Camp Gordon, Ga., in 1953, 132-lb. champ of Camp Carson, Colo., in 1954 and lost a close split decision in the finals of the Fifth Army Tournament that year.

"The late Kid McCoy used to say he remembered the names of the guys he fought better than he did the names of his wives," Taylor remarked. "I won't make the same claim but I have lots of fond memories from the days I worked out at the Orange YMCA in New Jersey under Rocky Zito or at Al Lang's and Frenchy LeDoux's gyms on Long Island.

"Many was the head cracking lesson I learned from the fists of cagey pros like Sonny Gomez, Roger Wynott and Tommy Mills. And there were lots of good amateurs in the New York-New Jersey area in those days. Little Dick Davis was around. Frankie Ryff was around. So were Ralph "Tiger" Jones, Billy McNeece and Lou Volpe, to name just a few.

"And the service had lots of good fighers—Jimmy Hill, Terry Lloyd, Jimmy Henderson, Tony D'Antonio. I could go on and on."

Taylor says he has been encouraged by the response to THE AMATEUR BOXER so far. And he is convinced of the need for such a publication.

"I would like to see THE AMATEUR BOXER give the same kind of detailed coverage to the amateur boxing world that *Ring* has given to the pros for, lo, these many years," Taylor said. "I would like TAB to become the publication of record.

"There isn't a field that doesn't have some organ for the recording of events and features. Mountain-climbing, bicycling, jogging, water skiing, they all have one. Why not amateur boxing, which beats them all for drama and excitement?

"TAB will continue to carry lots of feature stories and exciting photos on fights and fighters. And, since it is an amateur boxing publication, there will be many how-to kinds of articles; training tips and that sort of thing.

"In a recent issue, we carried an article on the importance of stepping in with the left jab. We had another on coach Johnny Duke's use of a spray gun filled with water rather than a sponge to refresh fighters. And still another on an invention Hal Winterbottom has dreamed up for training purposes called Soft Punch."

THE AMATEUR BOXER also will carry first person accounts on such subjects as: My Toughest Amateur Fight; The Best Boxer I Ever Trained; The Training Routine That Took Me to the Top; My Experiences as a Referee (or Judge, Coach, Timekeeper, Ringside Physician, etc.).

If you think of other titles, send them in, Taylor says. Or maybe you just want to get

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WHO IS REAL CHAMP?

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five million for 1.5 million? Besides, the public wants the rematch, and Ali did lose a split decision. He wasn't kayoed or defeated in a one-sided contest.

Top Rank offered Norton $200,000 to box Spinks in June, thinking Ken would turn it down as just a bad offer, but he said yes, just to get the shot at Spinks. What next? Spinks comes up with an injury, a bad rib, hurt in training before the title bout. He was suspended for 90 days by the Nevada Commission for going into a contest with an injury and using drugs to kill the pain.

What's with Ali-Spinks rematch? Well, the South African deal fell on deaf ears and now it's up in the air, but it will take place in September in the Philippines, Africa, a remote island, or somewhere.

Top Rank's ace was the WBA. The Panama-based outfit goes on record as saying that Spinks can box Ali, and that the winner would fight Norton. So CBS still has a world boxing body to call the fight a world championship.

Let's hear from Nr. Norton. He states, "I think I've earned the title. The way to prove it is to kick Spinks' rear end." Ken stated that he would like to defend his WBC title every two or three months for another two years and retire. He said he wants Spinks for his first title defense. But that's not likely to happen. Ken said the only way Spinks can get out of fighting him is to commit hara-kiri. "At present time we still have a legal document that's binding," said Norton, referring to the $200,000 Top Rank offer.

Norton said there are three people he wants to fight: "Spinks, because he won the title from Ali, Ali, because he avoided me and George Foreman, because he beat me and I owe him one!"

What now for the other members of the heavyweight division? Let's take a look at each one of them, Foreman, Frazier, Young, Lyle, Evangelista, Knoetze, Coetzee, Bobick, Ward, Jones, Holmes, Shavers and LeDoux.

Both ex-heavyweight kings George Foreman and Joe Frazier are on the comeback trail. Joe, as we go to press is boxing South Africa's Kallie Knoetze, in Las Vegas, Nev. A win for Joe would put him in line for a shot at the Spinks-Ali winner, sometime later in the year. An upset could mean the end of the line for Joe.

Knoetze, on the other hand, is off a big win over Duane Bobick, and a victory over Frazier would put him in a strong position. Kallie against either Ali or Spinks would be a promoter's dream match.

As for the other ex-heavy champion, Foreman, now a man of God, his only hope of a title shot is against Ken Norton, whom he has kayoed. George, out of action since the Young loss, hopes to be reborn and win back the heavyweight crown. He's starting his comeback this summer against foes such as Bob Hazelton, Randy Stephens or Stan Ward.

Jimmy Young is in a tough spot, not too many want to fight him. He's hoping for a return go with Norton due to his strong showing in their first bout. Unfortunately, he'll have to wait his turn and take some chances against anyone they can get to box him.

Larry Holmes has beaten Earnie Shavers in Las Vegas, Nevada. As we go to press, Holmes is number one on promoter Don King's list to box Norton for the WBC title, but maybe Mr. Norton has other plans?

Minneapolis heavy Scott LeDoux, who boxed a draw with world heavyweight king Leon Spinks may be in the best position of any on the Norton list. Kenny would like to kayo Scott, who holds a draw with Spinks. Norton also wants what is called a tune-up bout before going against a top rated fighter. LeDoux fills the bill.

European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, seems happy to stay over there and defend his title. If Alfredo decides to box for the world crown, it will be against Norton.

Duane Bobick, the hot and cold heavyweight, who was kayoed by Knoetzee but just gained a win over Mike Schutte, may be on Spinks' list. The only thing Duane has going for him is that Top Rank doesn't have that many men available for Spinks to fight, with Norton and promoter Don King having the edge in the heavyweight division.

South African heavyweight king Gerri Coetzee is the dark horse in the heavyweight division. He holds a win over Kallie Knoetze and at this moment is not in either Top Rank, nor the Don King camp. So Mr. Coetzee could be in a good position by the end of the year, if he can get himself a few T.V. dates in the U.S.

Undefeated Leroy Jones is another who can pick his spots, but at the moment nobody is burning up the phones to get to him. His appearances on TV were poor, but somewhere along the line there will be a market for him.

Next is Ron Lyle. He is fighting for his life in court and his career is in doubt.

Last on the list is Stan Ward. He lost a decision to Lyle, but just came off a win over Mike Weaver. Put Stan on the Norton list, if he doesn't box someone like Jimmy Young first.

There are others that are coming or going, such as Bernardo Mercado, Jerry Quarry, Dino Dennis, Alfio Righetti, Domingo D'Elia, and Boone Kirkman. You never know what promoters or their masters, the T.V. networks, will come up with. Maybe even Cuba's Teo Stevenson?

READ THE RING

LOPEZ SHELLACKS ROSSMAN

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The officials all voted differently. Referee Joe Santarpia had it 5-5 and called it a draw. Judge Sam Iram scored it 5-4-1 for Fernandez and Judge Harold Lederman cast his ballot for Stanton, 6-4. Stanton was agressive and tried hard but Fernandez was the classier of the two. Yet each official had his own opinion, there being three different decisions.

Boxing has its own way of deciding fights. One fellow watches one man and sees him win and the others view it differently. However, Fernandez, in our book, did the better work. There was talk of Stanton getting a match with Roberto Duran, the lightweight king, but that would be hazardous. Duran was to have mixed with Wilfredo Benitez, who had to pull out because of hepatitis. Duran is too good for the rest of the field.

HAGLER TAKES OUT FINNEGAN

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in at 187—Velnure using a weight advantage laid on Santos most of the fight, hooking from inside to the body and head—Frankie Brimach, 148 of Brockton, Mass., was a unanimous winner over Steve Coupe, 147 of Lowell, Mass. . .Joe Huston, 161, of Lowell, Mass., was stopped at 1:56 of the third round—after being floored twice previously—by Dom DiMarzo, 162 of East Boston. DiMarzo looked very impressive, boxed very well and picked his spot using a good left jab and hook to advantage. .DiMarzo has been schooled at Miami Beach, by veteran trainer Lou Gross—He looked it!. . .Al Cruz, 157, of Lowell, Mass., surprisely stopped young Irish Ray Falion, 157½, at 55 seconds of the 2nd round—landing a right hand flush on the chin. Fallon turned his head and walked away and referee Ed Fitzgerald immediately stepped in and halted the action. . . .Al Brooks, 212 of Springfield, Mass., was a unanimous winner over veteran Joe Maye, 200 of Hartford, Conn.

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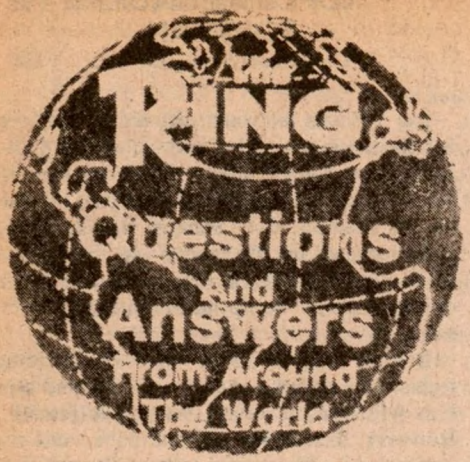

When writing letters that require an answer please send along stamped self addressed envelope.

Q. In your United States Ring Ratings, you have all division champoinships vacant. Is there any explanation why?

R. Warner
Annapolis, Md.

A. The Ring designated U.S. champions, but the titles were withdrawn pending the outcome of the U.S. Championship Tournament. This tournament was interrupted. We have designated U.S. champions again, and they were listed starting in the April issue.

Q. Could you please supply the dates of the following bouts: Joe Baksi vs. Bernie Reynolds; Bob Murphy vs. Freddie McManus; Victor Baerge vs. Mike Cortez.

Terry Beeman
Union City, N.J.

A. Joe Baksi ko'd Bernie Reynolds on April 7, 1950 at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York. The end came in the seventh round. Bob Murphy stopped Freddie McManus in the fourth round in Boston on November 20, 1951. Victor Baerge decisioned Mike Cortez at Sunnyside Garden in Queens, N.Y. on April 26, 1967.

Q. I would like to know where I could send away for a book on the history of women boxers. Surely there is a book about them. Long ago, Police Gazette came out with a story on women boxers which was very interesting. Since then, I have not been able to locate any matter on their history. I would appreciate any help you can give me on this matter.

Frank Carrano
New Haven, Conn.

A. There's a magazine named Hits and Misses published on the women boxers. Perhaps they can help you with the informaion you are seeking. Write to: Editor Barbara Raichle, P.O. Box 2074, Hollywood, Calif. 90028.

Q. Did Charley Cotton, a middleweight out of Toledo, O. ever fight Joey Giadello and what was the outcome?

Dan Donovan
Plainview, L.I.

A. In 1956, the pair had a series of four bouts with each winning two. Giardello lost two decisions to Cotton in 10—round bouts in New York in March and May of '56. Then Giardello won in 10 in Nov. in Milwaukee and repeated the win with a 10 round decision on Dec. 14 in Cleveland.

Q. What World record, if any, would you give to Teofilo Stevenson, the Olympic Gold medal winning heavyweight?

Manuel Collazo
Elizabeth, N.J.

A. We do not rate amateur fighters. However, Stevenson must be rated among the top amateur heavyweights. He'd be seeking an unpresecedented third Olympic Gold Medal in the 1980 Games. Fidel Aquendo is being touted as the "new" Stevenson and Angel Milan, with a victory over George Page is also making it crowded at the top of the ranks in amateur heavyweight boxing.

Q. I have been buying 'Ring' for over 20 years and you have always given me the best of service. This time I'd like to know the names of the officials in the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight on June 18, 1941 and how they scored the fight, round by round.

A. The 15-round heavyweight title fight, as you probably know, ended in the 13th round in a spectacular knockout by Louis as Louis landed a right to the jaw that finished Conn with only two seconds to go in the 13th round. Here's how the scoring cards read:
Referee Eddie Joseph LLC CLL CCC LCC Judge Bill Healy LLC CLL LCC LCC Judge Marty Monroe LLC CLL CCC ECC

Q. I wish to know if there are any records of Marvin Hart, heavyweight champion, having only one eye. There is a bottle of scotch in it for me if the story is "bologny."

F.M. Blanki
Northcumberland, England

A. Drink hearty. As far as we can research, Marvin Hart had two eyes. There was talk of his having "eye trouble" at one time, but none of his losing an eye.

Q. I'm calling on you to check the date of the Mike McTigue vs. Battling Siki bout. Your answer dept. said they met in a Dublin Ireland in 1892 which was wrong.

Stephen Redfield
St. Clair, Mich.

A. Through a typographical error, the date was wrong. The correct date of the bout was March 17, 1923 for the light heavyweight championship. McTigae held the title championship by winning the decision.

Q. I read an article where the WBC barred South African boxers as titilists. Is this true?

James Wood
bronx N.Y.

A. World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman announced that the Council will not recognize any title bout involving a South African fighter. "We have to take a stand on the South African issue and we will not recognize any title fight with a South African, "Sulaiman said. The World Boxing Association has already said that it would recognize South African fighters in title bouts.

Q. Would you please explain to me how could the referee count Duane Bobick out on his feet in the third round in their recent bout? Also I would like the record of Gerry Cooney, the local heavyweight from Huntington, N.Y. My records have him 7-0 as a pro with six KOs.

William T. Collins
Commack, N.Y.

A. Duane Bobick was hit on the chin by Kallie Knoetze in that third round and while the referee was counting, he was walking towards his own corner. His ability to take a punch on the chin is definitely suspect. About the heavyweight Gerry Cooney, at this writing, young Cooney is 9-0 and but the figure could change by the time this issue goes to press.

The RING PUNCH LINES

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BIG VOTE FOR SOUTH AFRICAN BOXERS

I was pleased to see such a good writeup in December 77 Ring Magazine to the white boxers in South Africa. Because despite their governments politics, and such a publication such as the Ring is not the place to discuss them anyway.

I should like to see their top white and black boxers in action here in Britian, as in days gone by when South African boxers were regular visitors to this country.

And it is worth remembering, boxing was the first sport to go multi-racial by allowing black vs. white contests, which is why I think South African professional boxers should be invited by countries like Britian and the U.S.A. to come over and meet our top men.

After all, in recent years many British and American boxers have been earning good money boxing in South Africa.

And I also think the S.A. amateurs should be once again allowed to compete in the Olympic Games and the World Championships.

Fred Spence
Birmingham, England

RESPONSE TO A READERS LETTER

I've been a follower of Ring Magazine for the past 15 years and this is the first time I've spoken out, but after reading Dennis (the Dummy) Morsella's comedy in the January issue, I feel compeled. He states you're a ripoff, you won't print his letters—yet he must buy your magazine each month checking for his funny little letters—a great man once said if you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen. Let's rephrase it. If you can't stand the FACTS, stay out of the Ring. To his statement on Ali's stealing people's money, I say baa. The former champ has done more for boxing than any other man in one period of time. He's never held a gun to anyone's head to make them attend his fights. And much of that money he's 'stealing' goes to charity organizations for the underpriveledged. And last but foremost, his statement of being so great that he invented his own sport? I think the man suffers from delusions of grandeur! Grow up Mr. Morsella.

Craig Ricketts
Bad Axe, Mich.

MAN PICKS DEMPSEY IN ANY BOXING ERA

I am writing concerning Mr. Smith's letter about Jack Dempsey. In my opinion, Jack Dempsey was a good enough fighter to be a champion in any era.

My reasons are as follows; first, he was in good condition. Prior to becoming a fighter, he held many rigorous jobs, such as being a miner, where he developed great power and stamina. This enabled him to have knockout power in either hand. He overpowered huge opponents such as Carl Morris, Jess Williard and Luis Firpo.

Secondly, he was motivated. He was a hungry fighter. He traveled across the country and fought in his formative years for small purses which barely gave him enough for room and board.

Lastly and most important were the qualities of courage and determination. In a couple of his fights he was literally knocked out while still standing, but so great was his determination that he went on to win.

He was never more dangerous than when he was hurt. Firpo knocked him out of the ring but he came back to win.

Mr. Smith mentioned Jack Dempsey would be out of place in this era. Even if this were true, then I think a modern day fighter would be out of place in the Dempsey era.

Furthering that point, just think how out of place a modern fighter would be fighting under the London Prize Ring rules in the pre-James J. Corbett period of boxing. However, I think Jack Dempsey could have adapted to any era.

I don't think any one time period holds a monopoly of great fighters. I think a few come along in each era, and I think Jack Dempsey would have been a champion in any era.

Mike Turner
Decatur, Illinois

RING GETS A PLUG

Keep up the good work. I have enjoyed your magazine over the past years. I was sorry to see the smear on your name accepted in some quarters, but have no doubt—your integrity remains high. Thanks for years of pleasure.

Robert H. Mutter
Park Ridge, Ill.

LONG LIVE THE KING

Thank you, Muhammad Ali, for all those great and entertaining years.

Long live the new king, Leon Spinks.

John O'Brien
Franklin Park, Ill.

BETWEEN ROUNDS BEEF

I'm sick of watching out-of-shape fighters stand between rounds then fight one minute out of three. This is a swindle of paying customers. Yes, Ali is one and probably best known of them. He hasn't been in shape since he fought Folley. Take the between-rounds rest, Ali, you need it.

Thomas F. Murphy
New York, N.Y.

DISLIKES JUNIOR TITLES

The term "junior" implies a lower standing; it should not be used in refering to the 154, 140, 130, and 108 pound divisions. These divisions are now as bona fide as the others with maximum weight limits.

The simplest alternative is to use the term "light"—Who ever heard of a 175-pound junior heavyweight? This policy is followed in the Commonwealth ratings and by the Olympics. (If light lightweight is too much, how about Super featherweight? The 130 pound limit is closer to the feather than to the lightweight.)

But the most imaginative solution is to select entirely new names. Isn't that how we got the more colorful names of welter, feather, bantam, and fly? The British used to call their light heavies cruisers.

The remaining of the junior divisions is an opportunity to further promote fan interest during this latest boxing revival, while giving due respect to the fighters in these divisions.

H. Edward Gabler
North Plainfield, N.J.

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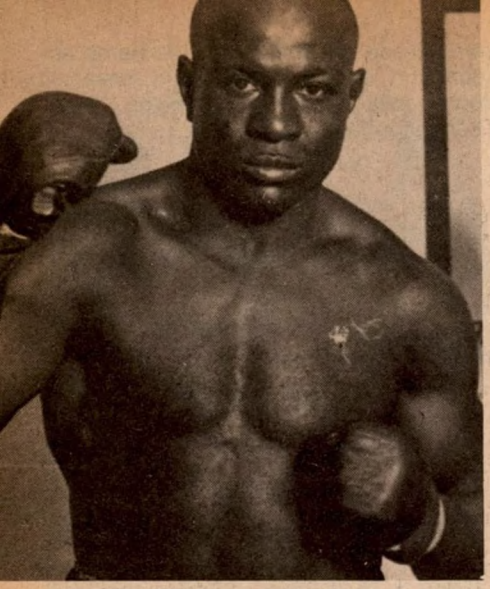

Big George Godfrey, the Leiperville Shadow, was one of the most awesome fighters of the 1920's. He was managed by Jimmy Dougherty.

Jimmy Maloney, Boston, lost a chance to fight Jack Dempsey when Jack Sharkey knocked him out, May 20, 1927.

Quinton Romero Rojas knocked out Sharkey on August 29, 1924. Roajs was himself knocked out no less than twenty times.

CONTENDERS: —Part One— HEAVYWEIGHTS

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

THERE is a tendency to think of boxing history in terms of the world champions. This is understandable, since the reign of each champ provides an easy point of reference. This series will attempt to broaden the base of boxing history by dealing with top contenders since the 1920's on a systematic basis.

We'll open with the heavyweights.

In January, 1925, Tex Richard, boxing's top promoter, ranked the top ten boxers of the world in each division for the Ring. (These were actually the first Ring Ratings.) Tex ranked the heavyweights as follows:

1. Jack Dempsey
2. Harry Wills
3. Tommy Gibbons
4. Charley Weinert
5. Quinton Romero Rojas
6. Jack Renault
7. Luis Angel Firpo
8. George Godfrey
9. Jimmy Maloney
10. Erminio Spalla

Jack Renault, said to be a former Mountie, fought from 1919 to 1931. His fight with Tunney was delcared "no contest" in four rounds.

Wills had been the number one contender for Jack Dempsey's title since July 26, 1920, when he'd kayoed Fred Fulton in three rounds in Newark. Wills had been chasing Dempsey ever since, and would continue the chase until Dempsey lost the title to Gene Tunney. Dempsey wanted big money to fight Harry Wills, and Tex Richard would not promote another racially mixed heavyweight title match. Tex had promoted the Johnson-Jeffries fight in 1910, and seen the bloody riots that had followed Johnson's victory. Wills, a black man, never got a title shot.

Gibbons was the number two contender on the strength of having lasted fifteen rounds with Dempsey in a title fight in Shelby, Montana on July 4, 1923. Weinert had been a contender for the last five years, meeting all the top men, but losing fights that would have gotten him a title shot. Why Rickard

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put him number four remains a mystery.

Wills, Gibbons, and Weinert are all dead. The whereabouts of Romero Rojas, however, are unknown. Not too many people know of Rojas, but he had a very interesting record.

Quinton Romero Rojas was a full-blooded Indian. Born in South America in May 1896, he did not become a full-time fighter until 1923, when he was twenty-seven years of age. Prior to that time, he was a cook on a ship that sailed between Santiago, Chile, and the major European ports. He liked boxing, and had a few fights in Chile between voyages, but he boxed more frequently in Paris, as his ship laid over longer in Europe than in Chile.

It's not supported by the record books but according to an article by Al Mayer, Rojas fought Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque Woodchopper, several times during this period. All the bouts were held in Paris. Paulino beat him easily each time and knocked him out on a couple of occasions. Quinton had a lot of courage,and was a better than average boxer, but he had one major drawback. Stated succinctly, Quinton Romero Rojas had a glass jaw.

But this was 1924, and Argentinian Luis Angel Firpo had knocked Jack Dempsey from the ring at the Polo Grounds in New York the preivous September. All Tex Rickard knew of Rojas was that he, like Firpo, came from South America, and that he had knocked out Larry Gains in Paris. That was good enough for Tex. He brought Romero to this country and put him in a Garden main event against Floyd Johnson, a leading heavyweight by virtue of a fifteen-round decision over K.O. Bill Brennan (who had met Dempsey for the title on December 14, 1920) in New York on January 12, 1923.

The Johnson-Rojas fight was held on May 9, 1924. Rojas did all right against Johnson until Floyd didn't hear the bell ending the seventh round. Romero dropped his guard, and Floyd connected with a right to Quinton's chin. Good night!

Spruille Braden, later United States ambassador to Argentina, became Quinton's manager, and Romero did his training on Braden's estate, called "Stonehenge," on Riverdale-on-the-Hudson. He spent the next few months in fairly good shape, knocking out the highly tauted Farmer Lodge in five rounds, Tom Roper in two, Joe McCann in four, and beating up-and-coming Johhny Risko. On July 27, Romero and Charley Weinert traveled twelve rounds in a no decision bout in Newark. Then, on August 29, Rojas was in Boston, facing an ex-sailor who had taken the ring name Jack Sharkey.

Like Risko, Sharkey was still in his first year as a professional boxer, yet he had been making headway, beating Floyd Johnson and the veteran Homer Smith, among others. Either Sharkey hadn't reached his prime or else he took the Chilean too lightly. Maybe Rojas simply came up with an inspired fight. (It was probably a little of all three.) Regardless, Rojas knocked out the future world champion in the eighth round.

Romero's career was mostly downhill after that. Young Stribling knocked him out in four rounds on May 7, 1925, and Young Bob Fitzsimmons followed suit, in four rounds, less than three months later. Advised by so-called "friends," Romero left the management of Spruille Braden and drifed from one manager to another, winning some fights, losing most of them. In twenty-seven fights during 1926-1928, Quinton was the loser by a knockout on seventeen occasions. He won only one fight. The entire world, it seemed, had found his brittle chin.

When last heard from (during World War II), Romero Rojas was, again, a cook on ships plying between South America and Europe. But no one can take away the mark he left: twenty knockout losses (twenty-two, if you include those early recorded kayo losses to Paulino Uzcudun). This is believed to be a record, at least for those reaching contender status.

Jack Renault was born in Chashem, Quebec, Canada, January 18, 1898. He had been in the Mounties, according to his press releases, before becoming a professional boxer in 1919. No one really knew of him until he served as Dempsey's sparring partner in Atlantic City in 1921, where Jack was getting ready for his July 2nd defense against

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Harry Wills and Luis Angel Firpo squared off in this publicity shot for their twelve-round fight in Jersey City, September 1, 1924. Wills beat Firpo easily. It was officially a "no decision" fight.

KANE STOPS HALPERN IN NEW JERSEY

By ART MAXIM

It was not a scene for anyone with a weak stomach, but an overflow throng in Embassy Hall, North Bergen, N.J. didn't seem to mind the way 31-year-old Johnny Kane of Bayonne sliced and stopped 44-year-old Bobby Halpern of the Bronx at the end of five rounds of the scheduled eight. Halpern, an ex-convict, had received coverage by national television and magazines and the CBS-TV camersas focused on the ring as the blood of both fighters flowed like wine.

Weighing just 178 compared to the 197 pounds carried by Halpern, Kane stood toe to toe with the favorite in one of the most brutal fights seen in this area in some time. Kane weathered a storm of overhand rights, hooks and uppercuts that opened a cut under his left eye in round two. He started coming under Halpern's punches in the third round and succeeded in cutting his foe's mouth.

Halpern, gunning for his sixth knockout in seven fights since his release from prison, kept running into staggering uppercuts and combinations the next two rounds and was checked by the ring physician after the fourth and fifth. Dr. Herbert Cassidy would not let Halpern go out for the sixth round. "Halpern was swallowing too much blood," explained Cassidy, "the lip was cut through down to his chin." Kane improved to 13-4 with the TKO.

In the co-featured eight-rounder, light heavyweight Ramon Ranquella of West New York, looking ahead to his Las Vegas bout with Bobby Cassidy, KO'd Jose Morales 2:50 into the second. His cousin Gino Perez, scored a knockout at 1:59 of the first over Danny Daniels in a lightweight contest.

Also Jersey City's Darnell McCraig decisioned welterweight Danny Johnson of New York City, Rusty Rosenberger decisioned Gene Muldrow, Lightweight Slim McCoy KO'd Lonnie Bryand and Sal Fan Fillipo TKO'd Jimmy Clark.

Nutley's Bobby Mann continued his unbeated string as a pro, scoring an impressive first round knockout.

AL HOGAN

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our goal—the heavyweight championship—it's all worth it.''

Viscusi has a good pupil in Hogan, who loves to play chess as a hobby. But it's Viscusi and his years of valuable experience as a manager who will keep Al Hogan one move ahead of the next guy.

SERRANO OVER MARIO

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Ranked junior welter from Santo Domingo, Miguel Montilla, had an easy win over Bobby Hughes.

Former junior flyweight titleholder Juan Guzman from the Dominican Republic was beaten by unknown Joe Ortiz. This was no ordinary Joe even though he just started his pro career less than a year ago.

Enrique Solis scored over Nicaraguan Frank Joe Morales in eight heats. Enrique, who had been fighting as a lightweight is now campaigning in the juniorlightweight class.

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HARRIS OUTPOINTS TONNA

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No proof of these charges was ever found; although most fans disagreed with the scoring of the three judges: Samuel Conde of Puerto Rico, 119-112; Jose Guerra, of Mexico, 120-114; and Ray Solis, of Mexico, 117-115.

Referee Waldemar Schimdt of Puerto Rico was severly chastised by Rodolfo Sabatini, the overseas consultant of Top Rank, Inc., promoters of the fight. Sabatini echoed the sentiments of the crows as he reprimanded Schmidt for not taking points away from Harris for his improper holding tactics, expecially his clinching his opponent from behind.

Harris, resplendent in paisly velvet trunks, with purple trim, and purple ring shoes to match, relied on this agile footwork and his soutpaw strategy to keep Tonna off balanc.e

The Ohio native danced around the ring in the early rounds; while Tonna played a waiting game, jabbing sporadically, and ducking most of Harris' blows.

In the first two rounds, Harris was nervous and unsure of his opponent, while Tonna was cool and commanding.

However, the third round saw a change in strategy as Harris worked constantly to the cut over Tonna's left eye. The profuse bleeding, during all the remainig nine rounds, plus the impact of the pre-fight fracas, undoubtedly cost Tonna the fight.

The ring was drenched in Tonna's blood, as were the shirts of the referee, and several officials at ringside.

There were no knockdowns in the 12-round blood bath, but Harris slipped in the fourth round, right at the sound of the bell.

The Harris corner, in the fifth and sixth rounds, screamed at Schmidt: ''Stop the fight''. The referee did not concur, but neither did he penalize Harris for the constant clinching, holding, and low blows he used throughout the bout. Harris constantly grabbed and held his opponent from behind—a tactic that caused an uproar of booing from the crowd.

Harris, in his dressing room after the fight, made the following comments: ''I just kept my cool, tied him up, played around him, and cut off his aggression. I let him get so frustrated he just couldn't handle me''.

When asked it the cut over Tonna's eye had given him a great advantage, Harris replied, with an insidious attempt at humor: ''I guess I was really unfair. Did you know I had a razor in my glove?''

The victory gives Harris a shot at the middleweight title, when he fights the winner of an April 29th bout in Madrid between champion Rodrigo Valdes and challenger Hugh Corro.

However, Harris' path to the championship will now be strewn with problems. The Tonna camp plans to bring charges against Harris, his father and his corner man for the beating of manager Martin.

George Kanter, a spokesman for the Tonna camp, stated that charges will be filed with the WBC immediately, along with a request for a repeat of the fight under more equitable circumstances.

Three heavyweight preliminaries preceded the bloody main event.

Walter Moore of Chicago proved to be no match for ''Tiger Roy'' Williams of Las Vegas in their scheduled 10-rounder. Williams was commanding and forceful from the opening bell, while Moore seemed surprised at the Tiger's tactics—and fought a ''scared fight'' until he hit the canvas after a brutal right uppercut to his chin. Moore was KO'd at 2:24 of the sixth round.

Bernardo Mercado, 230, of Reno, scored a unanimous decision over Horace ''Big City'' Robinson, 214 of New York City. This decision was also booed by the audience, since Mercado was clumsy and ineffective throughtout the bout. His half-hearted jabs, and sporadic hooks and upperctus seemed less effective to the fans than did Robinson's.

However, the New Yorker seemed to have left his fighting heart in the Big City; and this obviously cost him the decision.

Teddy Limos, 195, of Honolulu, found no paradise in Las Vegas, as he suffered a stiff left jab from opponent Macka Foley, 207, of Las Vegas. The jab stopped the Hawaiian so completely he was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

A middleweight card-opener featured Tonna sparring partner, James Parks, 158, of Ohio, against 157-lb. Jimmy ''Sugar Demon'' Ownes of Las Vegas. The evening turned sour for Sugar Demon as his inability to cope with the hard-hitting Parks caused referee Richard Green to halt the fight midway through the third round.

The Harris-Tonna headed card was promoted by Top Rank, Inc., in association with local promoters Ash Resnick and Mel Greb. The card was televised by CBS, with commentary by veteran fight figures Angelo Dundee, and Gil Clancy.

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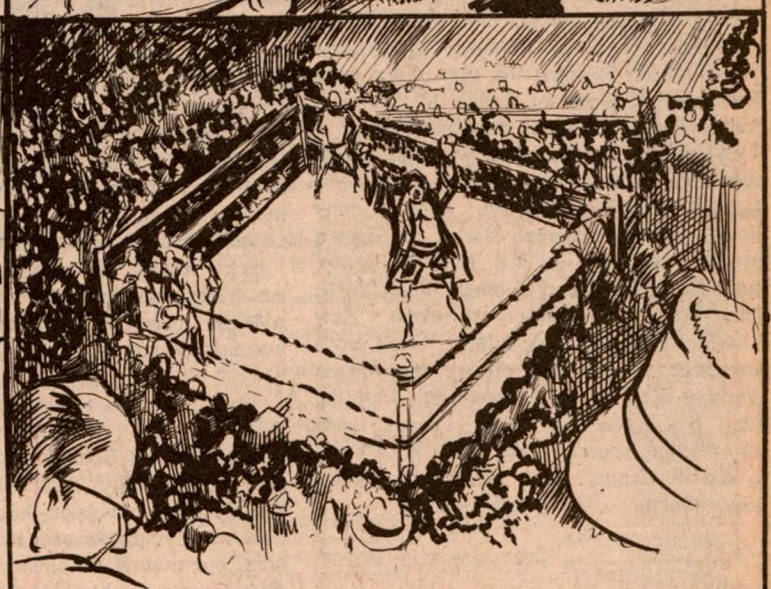

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

PLENTY has happened since I last managed to make the Ring office. Weather has been abominable and treacherous. Much has been going on. It seems a long time since we visited the Hollis Hills Jewish Center in Flushing, out on Long Island, where the Men's Club had a big night for all-time greats of boxing. Artie Levine, a fine performer in his day, handled the affair and did a great job.

Among those from the fistic circle present were Charlie Gellman, of the Jewish Memorial Hospital, and his wife. He was known as Chuck Halper in his fighting days. . . Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, former flyweight champion. Mr. and Mrs. Solly Seeman, Ray Arcel, outstanding trainer now associated with Roberto Duran, our lightweight king. Al Reid, great featherweight and former president of VBA Ring #8 in New York . . .Schoolboy Bernie Friedkin, classy performer in his day and now a boxing judge. . .Herbie Kronowitz, former welter and middleweight and now a boxing referee. Phil Rutha and Oetey Burns, Ring 8, and many others.

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Speaking of affairs, we can't overlook the testimonial tendered to retired sports Editor, Mike Lee, at Antun's in Queens Village, where more than 1,500 pals from the sports world paid tribute to the popular Sports Editor of the now defunct Long Island Press. Luminaries from all fields of sports and friends of his jammed the place. We were there as the guest of Judge Michael M. Potoker, of the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Old friends by the score were present to make Mike Lee Night one to remember. Among those well known were Tommy Holmes, famous baseball star of the Boston Braves and other clubs. . .Ken Strong, of the New York Giants football team of the Tim Mara era. Arthur Mercante, New York's outstanding fistic referee. Were just a few there. No one was missing. Not forgetting Joe Lee, who is associated with the Ring. Bill Travers, of the Daily News, made the welcome speech. Mike had a great time, as did his family. They were going strong hours after the opening bell sounded.

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Tragedy struck from many angles. Countrywide. Passing of former Vice-President and still a Senator, Hubert Humphrey. Charley Chaplin, great comedian of the silent films days. Judge Samuel Leibowitz, popular New Yorker. Hal J. Squier, former sports editor of the *Staten Island Advance*, a standout. Marse Joe McCarty, at 90, former manager of championships Chicago Cubs in National League and New York Yankees, at his home in Tonawanda, N.Y. Speaking of Marse Joe he was a man of class. Our pal and former sports editor of the *Long Island Star*, Lou O'Neill, a close friend of Mike Lee. A gentleman from Ring #21, Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, George 'Kid Texas' Gava. Not overlooking our long time friend, John F. Royal, 91, who was affiliated with the theater game before becoming associated with the National Broadcasting Co. Royal was quite a man.

Artie Levine, as he looked when he was in his prime, one of the top middleweights of the forties.

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The Ring #8 Boxing Writers affair, taken care of separately, was out of this world. The honorees, as you know, were Floyd Patterson, youngest and twice heavyweight king, our own Nat Loubet, as well as Ring #8's retiring president Al Reid and Secretary Abe Berman. Floyd's popularity grows. Now associated with the State Athletic Commission, the reception he received must have warmed the cockles of his heart. Reid, incidentally, introduced the new Ring #8 president, Johnny DeFoe.

Steve Belloise, Bronxite, a great middleweight, and brother of the late featherweight king, Mike, having a good time at Ring #8 affair. Steve, who is now 59, still lives in the Bronx with his wife. Steve is still active as an entertainer and works in the police department in the tow-away zone.

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Julie Katz, who is in the textile line, ran into his former opponent, Lou Salica, whom he fought three times, at popular George and Sid's spot on Ralph Avenue, in Brooklyn, where Mel Hornstein is the assistant manager and Mike Kessler, their popular waiter, head host. Incidentally, Little Firpo, an ex-fight buff, who is also a pall of Kessler's, is seen often at Dubrow's spot, on Kings Highway and 16th St., another rendezvous for sports personalities. It's off the beat from New York City but many a hot get-together takes place there among fight and other sports figures who meet there daily.

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Lippy Breitbart, who made a trip to Israel seeking to find out what gives with our fistic scene, reports that there was very little doing as far as the boxing game goes. Lippy enjoyed his trip and said he was glad to make the visit. But as for new talent available, there was little of note to report although there are quite a few who are actively interested in the boxing game, aside from those who have taken to the game as potential performers or amateurs. But he says they do talk boxing a lot there.

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Being away from the Ring office during the snowy weather we've been having still has us winging. We received a letter from our pal and former member of the boxing fraternity, Lou Jallos, who gave us his present address - 12760 Indian Rocks Rd, Apt 1043, Largo, Florida 33540. The Ali-Spinks fight is history but we thought our readers would like to read what Lou had to say about it. The Jallos story:

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

*MUHAMMAD ALI, Louisville, Ky.

1—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
2—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
4—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
6—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
7—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
8—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—Randy Stephens, Dallas, Texas
10—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
11—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
12—Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
13—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Nick Wells, Fort Worth, Texas
15—Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

*ALVARO LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.

1—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
2—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
4—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
5—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
7—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
8—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
9—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Matt Ross, Billerica, Mass.
11—Danny Brewer, Chicago, Ill.
12—Marvin Camel, Missoula, Mont.
13—Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
14—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
15—Eddie Davis, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.

1—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
2—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
3—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
6—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
7—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
8—Roy Dale, Cincinnati, Ohio
9—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
10—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
11—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
13—Erwin Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Milton Owens, Orlando, Fla.
15—Willie Warren, Dallas, Texas

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.

1—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
2—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
3—Ray Phillips, Houston, Texas
4—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
6—Ralph Palladin, Baltimore, Md.
7—Jackie Smith, Boston, Mass.
8—Gary Guiden, Munice, Ind.
9—Ken Bristol, New York, N.Y.
10—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
11—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
12—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
13—Wilson Bell, Detroit, Mich.
14—Joey Vincent, Orlando, Fla.
15—Billy Wareham, Philadelphia, Pa.

WELTERWEIGHTS

*PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.

1—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
3—Floyd Mayweather, Detroit, Mich.
4—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Scott Clark, Orlando, Fla.
7—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
8—Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
9—Ray Leonard, Baltimore, Md.
10—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
11—Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
12—Miguel Hernandez, Brooklyn, N.Y.
13—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
14—Ken Crooms, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Luis Resto, New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

*MONROE BROOKS, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
2—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
3—Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
5—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
6—Larry Standon, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.
7—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Rick Folstad, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
10—Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
11—Johnny Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
12—Anthony Daniels, Fairmont, W.Va.
13—Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
14—John Rothwell, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Robert Vasquez, Corpus Christi, Texas

LIGHTWEIGHTS

*ANDREW GANIGAN, Honolulu, Hawaii

1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
3—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
4—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
5—Howard Davis, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
6—Willie Rodriquez, Allentown, Pa.
7—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
9—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
10—Ruby Ortiz, Brooklyn, N.Y.
11—John Sullivan, Kearney, N.J.
12—Reynaldo Zaragoza, Stockton, Calif.
13—Wade Hinnant, Philadelphia, Pa.
14—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Steve Dement, Bossier City, La.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

*ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico

1—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
2—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.
7—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
8—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
9—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
10—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
11—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Beto Numez, Phoenix, Ariz.
13—Alex Alatore, San Carlos, Calif.
14—Bill Pearish, Joplin, Mo.
15—Rene Silva, Los Angeles, Calif.

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FEATHERWEIGHTS

*DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
2—Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
3—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
4—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—Jimmy Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
6—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
7—Albert Collazo, Cleveland, Ohio
8—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
9—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
11—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
13—Gaby Canterra, San Antonio, Texas
14—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Billy Alexander, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*WILFREDO GOMEZ, Puerto Rico
1—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
3—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Ignacio Osorno, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
7—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
11—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
12—Sergio Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Paterson Marin, Puerto Rico
14—Harrison Kiger, San Antonio, Texas
15—Armando Franco, Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

*ALBERTO SANDOVAL, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
2—Joey Olivo, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—D.C. Cunningham, Cincinnati, Ohio
6—David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.
7—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

HARTFORD Civic Center — Dennis Jordan, 210, Wethersfield, scored a smashing fifth round knockout over veteran Eddie (Red Top) Owens, 192, Springfield. Ringwise Owen was well ahead on points gathered by countering the aggressive Jordan's rushes with left hooks. Dennis was cut over both eyes and appeared every bit the loser until he unloosed a solid right to the jaw. Dennis hurt Owens and took advantage of the situation, spilling him with the next blows for the full count.

Luis Davila, 134½, Hartford, ended up boxing an exhibition when his slated opponent Ricky Camaro walked out of the arena following a dispute. Davila boxed six rounds with Vic Arnau, 128, Hartford, to no decision. Al Brooks, 212, Springfield, and Joe Maye, 205, Hartford, ended up in a six round draw. Chico Santos, 190, Waterbury, recovered from gunshot wounds, returned to the ring wars with an easy first round knockout over Alex Carr, 198, Hartford. Benny Benitez, 134, Springfield, winner the week before of the Western Mass. Golden Gloves novice title, edged Steve Snow, 136, Holyoke, by an unpopular four round decision.

▲BOSTON Garden — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 158, Brockton, took a giant step in his club into the world ratings when he stopped the former British Empire titleholder, Kevin Finnegan, 162, England, after eight bloody rounds because of facial cuts.

Clever Dick Ecklund, 142, Lowell, took an eight round split decision over Willie Rodriguez, 140, Allentown, Pa., in a decision that was roundly booed. Al Brooks, 212, Springfield, got the unanimous nod over Joe Maye, 205, Hartford, in six heats. Joe Velmure, 242, Lowell, used his size to advantage in taking a six round unanimous decision over Chico Santos, 187, Waterbury. Frank Brummage, 148, Brockton, continued to improve and won a unanimous duke over Steve Coupe, 147, Lowell. Dom DeMarzo, 162, East Boston, scored two knockdowns in the second, and two more in the third in stopping Joe Houston, 161, Lowell. Al Cruz, whose real name is Norbert Rupert, 157, Lowell, KO'd Ray Fallon, 157½, Burlington, in the third round.

▲LOWELL — Memorial Auditorium — New England featherweight cahmpion Jimmy Farrell, 124½, Rockland, romped to what appeared to be a clear cut twelve round decision over Dave Ramalho, 120, Lowell, but had to settle for a draw. Ramalho carried the first round but that was all. Farrell made Ramalho flay at air, beat him to the punch, and then shifted his attack from head to body. Ramalho was bleeding badly from a cut over his left eye and nose. A number of fights broke out around the ringside.

The eight round semi-final also ended up as a draw. Colorful Joe Velmure, 245, Lowell, and Joe Maye, 208, Hartford, came out all even in a helter-skelter bout. Al Brooks, 210, Springfield, eked out a hairline split decision over Don Halpen, 206, Lowell, in a gruelling six round struggle. Tom Landry, 223, Methuen, put Alex Carr, 202, Hartford, down at the bell where the full count continued. Carr fought as Al Clark. Don Godfrey, 172, Lowell, was unable to offer Manny Freitas, 172, Lowell, any opposition and the bout was stopped in 1:55 of the first round; Bobby Everett, 125, Boxton, scored a first round knock-down in taking a unanimous decision over Jose Montanez, 127, Lowell, in a bout that marked the pro debut of both. Both showed a lot of promise and it was unfortunate they had to meet each other so early in their careers. Boxing, Inc., headed by Atty. Charley Chiungas, promoted the show.

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MATTIOLI KAYOES OBED

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draw and a win with Sammy Barr, kayoed Henry Mitchell, Larry Brasier and Fernand Marcotte, drew with Jean-Claude LeClair and lost to Ayub Kalule and Mattioli.

The bout itself was all Mattioli. He landed two vicious rights to the jaw of Obed, putting the former king down for the full count in the seventh round. Medical aids ran to his side after he failed to get to his feet. After the gloves were removed, Obed got to his feet.

Mattioli's next defense will come from the following list of men: Orlando, Fla.'s Edgar Ross, Washington D.C.'s Mike Baker, Puerto Rico's Carlos DeLeon.

WORLD RATINGS

(Continued from page 24)

Vicente Saldivar's upset by Pitalua drops him from three to six as Usai and Watkins move up one place each.

Junior lightweight Alfredo Pitalua's victory over Saldivar moves him from six to four; Warren Matthews' win over Kenny Weldon puts him into the eight spot as inactive Chacon drops to tenth. Walter Seeley and Frank Baltazar each fall one spot due to inactivity.

Sean O'Grady moves from the bantamweights to the featherweights this month. He was number four in the lower division and is now number eight as a featherweight. Lionel Hernandez, Venezuela, inactive, falls from the top ten to make room for O'Grady. Gastonon's victory over George Cotin moves him up to number nine and inactive Rafael Ortega falls to tenth.

Lupe Pintor's victories over Joaquin Martinez and Gerald Hayes moves him into O'Grady's old spot in the Bantams, number four. Roberto Rubaldino, loss to Lujan drops him from six to seven. Los Angeles Frank Duarte moves back into the top ten with two winds, Danilo Ocampo and Arturo Lopez. Duarte is now number ten.

The flyweights find both Alfonso Lopez and Betulio Gonzalez, both inactive of late, dropping out of the top ten, being replaced by Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico a upset winner over Juan Guzman, who falls from four to five and Ortiz is now nine and England's Charley Magri win over Nessen Zebellini, puts him to the tenth spot in the world rankings.

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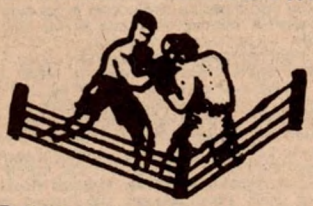

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● VANCOUVER AND VICINITY ●

By JIM JOHNSTON

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA— Pro boxing returned to Edmonton Feb. 6 after a lapse of three years when the Edmonton Exhibition board presented a five bout card at the Coliseum before a crowd of 3400.

In the main event, British Commonwealth welterweight champion Clyde Gray of Toronto, 148½ stopped game John Stef of East Orange, N.J., 146½, at 1:43 of the sixth round.

Gray floored his youthful opponent for an eight count with a short right hand in the fifth round. Following another knockdown in the sixth, referee Jack Berry stepped in and stopped the onesided match.

In the best bout of the night, Edmonton lightweight Al Ford was awarded a split ten-round duke over cutie Bobby Hughes of Toronto. Ford weighed 134½ to 139 for Hughes.

Heavyweight Bob Stallings of New York flattened Toronto's Hoss Geisler at 2:57 of the third round. Stallings proved to have too much experience for Geisler, flooring the giant twice in the third with thundering rights to the head. Geisler weighed 263 to 232 for Stallings.

Gary Summerhays, 174½ of Brandford got the nod over Lightning Bob Smith, 178½, of New York in a dull light-heavyweight bout over ten rounds.

Joe Henry of Montreal outpointed Gary Broughton of Brantford in a brisk eight-round middleweight opener.

▲Pro. boxing returned to Vancouver Feb. 23 when new promoter Bruce Smith presented a three-bout card. Featured were heavyweights Scotty Welsh of Halifax and Jack Martin of Vancouver.

Vancouver heavyweight George Jerome is scheduled to box George Chuvalo for the Canadian heavyweight title at Fort McMurray March 17.

EVERETT, WASH. — Ibar Arrington of Everett stopped Dick Gosha of San Francisco in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round heavyweight fight. The show was promoted by Joe Toro Jr. and Butch Fuller. A crowd of 1100 attended with a gross gate of $7,200.

Ibar had Gosha down in the fourth and the sixth rounds from overhand rights and the fight was stopped in the sixth after a gash was opened over Gosha's eye.

Al Newman, 199, Renton, stopped Jack Martin, 198 of Vancouver in a second round of a scheduled eight. Newman dropped Martin twice in the second round with left hook-right cross combinations.

Larry Smith of Tacoma won a split decision over Willie Baldwin of Seattle in a middleweight eight-rounder. Bobby Howard, Seattle, gave away fifteen pounds to light-heavy Doug Arlt of Portland but still battled him to a six-round draw.

Mike Dowell of Seattle hit the deck twice in the first round then came back to kayo middleweight Mike Laphere in the second heat.

▲ANCORAGE, ALASKA — Renton heavyweight Al Newman scored a bit of an upset when he outpointed Victor Van Fleet over eight rounds.

Anchorage heavyweight Franco Thomas fought twice on the card. Thomas kayoed K.O. Hannon in the third round and later Travis Pickering, also in the third canto.

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THE CRITIC'S CORNER

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dently of the fact that he afterward fought twenty rounds without any sign of injury to his hands, it is sufficient contradiction to this statement that in all the letters and speeches Molineaux afterwards wrote and spoke about his two fights, he never once alluded to. . .having been touched by anybody, and our knowledge of the fondness of the Yankees, then as now, to seize the slightest excuse for defeat is sufficient to convince us that he would have made much of such an incident as this."

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

THE oldest gym in the United States—NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM, located in the Tenderloin district of Frisco is falling apart . . . BILLY NEWMAN and JOE HERMAN co-owners of the gym are aging—and are getting tired—HERMAN recently hospitalized with his third prostrate operation, then while visiting his sister in Los Angeles suffered severe heart complications—his heart beat was up to 190 per minute—was rushed to the Los Angeles New Hospital for emergency treatment. Fortunately for JOE the hospital is located only six blocks from his sister's home in Beverly Hills. After a week in the intensive care unit he was released and at the present time is feeling good again—NEWMAN has been in ill health for years now. . . The old building could well be considered a landmark in the San Francisco area. . . this is the place where such ring greats as MAX BAER, JOE LOUIS, SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, EZZARD CHARLES, GEORGE FOREMAN and lately MUHAMMAD ALI trained for big fights—it is where hopeful young boxers have sweated and strained in their pursuit of becoming champions. . . . Today there is little appeal to the building—it is deteriorating and is fast becoming an eyesore—and something must be done to save it!! Seventy years is a long time and a lot of faces who once inhabited this "mecca of boxing" are long gone . . . maybe the gym is next to go! They might talk about a "bad night"—certainly LEON SPINKS is not a destroyer—but this corner fears that MUHAMMAD ALI is through—his last great effort came against JOE FRAZIER in Manila—the best heavyweight fight for action I've seen—but unfortunately after this match both fighters were through! The California State Athletic Commission nixed a LARRY HOLMES-MEL RUSH heavyweight fight—RUSH had absolutely no experience to cope with HOLMES. . . Former world light-heavyweight champion, BOB FOSTER at the age of 39 years is washed up—he looked pathetic against inept MUSTAPHA WASAJJA at Copenhagen when he "retired" at the end of the fifth round claiming a hand injury . . . Veteran fight manager and cornerman, RALPH LAKE of Philly is ill with arthritis—we wish RALPH a speedy return to the ring action in his native Philadelphia. . . .JOE GRAMBY epistles that his tiger, RICHIE KATES, may call it a day. KATES lost to MATT FRANKLIN and spent the night at the Metropolitan Hospital (8th and Vine) in Philly—with his wife GLORIA at his bedside—with a suspected concussion and was asked to stay overnight for a battery of neurological tests! So RICHIE could well be saying "by-by" to the fight biz . . . . Former heavyweight contender of the forties, LOU NOVA, now residing at Las Vegas remarked to this writer—"I've had better fighters than SPINKS for sparring partners in my day" . . . . you might be right at that, LOU . . . . NOVA is busy performing on the night club circuit in this city of the dice—and slots . . . !! CHUCK BURKHARDT, A.A.U. boxing official in California is a developer of local talent in North California—he certainly is a credit to the fight game in his area. . . . MARTY WEILL, son of the late fight manager Al "THE VEST" WEILL, who had a number of world champions in his heyday, is the manager of EDELSON'S MEN'S SHOP in Ironton, Ohio, specializing in big and tall men's clothing! MARTY, you will recall was the "manager of record" of former late heavyweight champion ROCKY MARCIANO, while his dad served as matchmaker at the Garden . . . . Look for JOHN STRACEY, former world (W.B.C.) welterweight champion to return to the ring wars—JOHN has spent the past year working in his hotel in England . . . . STRACEY is now 27 years old and has been training at a North London gym prepping for this return . . . . DAVE ZYGLEWICZ who boxed JOE FRAZIER for the title on April 22nd, 1969 at Houston, Texas, is now the owner of ZIGGY'S CORNER at Watervliet, N.Y. and has a stable of up and coming boxers—with CLYDE BEATTIE and DANNY FERRIS already headlining shows through N.Y. State and New England . . . . If STEVE MOYER is anything like his dad and uncles—he'll soon be cracking the "wire service" with his wins. STEVE is a middleweight out of Portland, Oregon—seems the name MOYER has been associated with boxing for decades and it has . . . . Sorry to hear that former heavyweight contender of years back—JAY TURNER out of Dallas, Texas has been "laid up" with a strained knee—result of an old boxing injury—he is feeling much better now—good to hear from JAY! . . . BABE GRIFFIN is one promoter who keeps boxing in the limelight in and around Sacramento—his latest product is welterweight PETE RAZANY . . . Another GRIFFIN product, RAY LUNNY III, one year since his retirement from boxing, is now a licensed plumber while awaiting an opportunity to join the San Mateo County Police Dept. . . . RAY lives with his wife CHRISTY and their two sons, TIMOTHY PATRICK age 3 and Sean Michael who is just 5 months old . . . . There was no doubt about it—it was eminent from the start—DANNY "LITTLE RED" LOPEZ sure had DAVID KOTEY's number in their return match at Las Vegas—winning via kayo with relative ease! Veteran N.Y.C. boxing manager, AL BACHMAN, son of the late former mentor who managed three world champions, FRANK E. BACHMAN, just signed MARINARO BERNARDI, a 6'1" 22 year old middleweight to a fight contract—BACHMAN changed the kid's first name to MARCIANO, wonder why??? This kid could very well grow into a heavyweight—and the firt name MARCIANO! AL MOORE is co-manager with BACHMAN . . . a couple of top notch fight guys . . . . RIP VALENTI, veteran Boston fight promoter is recovering from a bout with "kid pneumonia"—his son FRANKIE is making up his shows—FRANKIE is an astute student of the game and has been around boxing for years—was weaned on a boxing glove—FRANKIE has a son TONY, now retired from the ring game, who was recognized as the New England middleweight king not too many years ago—a fine fighting family indeed!! Talk

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Richie Kates, a top light heavyweight contender, may retire from the ring. He spent the night in Metropolitan Hospital in Philly after being kayoed by Matt Franklin.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

McIntyre Kayoes Quarry, Michael Spinks Bout Cancelled

SAN DIEGO—Mike Quarry had a $20,000 payday upcoming against Michael Spinks on TV, but Pete McIntyre ruined his plans.

A 4-1 shortender, McIntyre, 173, San Diego, gave Quarry a one-sided pounding, scoring a knockout in the fifth round. Mike was down twice and suffered several cuts.

Quarry weighed 174. The gate was $7640.

▲SAN DIEGO—It was the third meeting between Mike Quarry and Ronnie Wilson and the result was the same—a ten-round decision for Jerry's younger brother.

The fight attracted a sellout crowd at the Coliseum and a gate of over $10,000, best in several years.

The split verdict to Quarry didn't please the crowd and police had to be called to restore order. Mike weighed 174, Wilson, 174½.

Other results: Len Provo, 175, San Diego, dec. over Jim Ingram, 173, Long Beach, (6); Jose Luis Castro, 138, Mexicali, dec. over Bill Mathis, 140, San Diego, (5); David Barrera, 127, Mexicali, dec. over Julian Fuentes, 128, San Diego, (4).

▲SAN DIEGO—Freddie Washington, 160¾, San Diego, was much too sharp for Renato Garcia, 160, Santiago, Chile, winning an easy ten-rounder at the Coliseum.

The gate was $3,172.

Other results: Ruben Martinez, 137, National City, dec. over Oscar Armas, 134½, Los Angeles, (6); Mike Rundell, 151½, San Diego, KO over Bob Willcot, 151, San Diego, (2); Len Provo, 175, Los Angeles, dec. over Jim Ingram, 175, San Diego, (5).

▲SAN DIEGO—formerly of New Jersey, Gerald Hayes, 125, now of San Diego, was a one sided eighth-round KO winner over Santiago Meza, 129½, Mexico, in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Coliseum.

In a second ten, Santiago Hernandez, 119½, Mexico, outpointed Ramon Aquinaga, 118½, San Diego.

Other results: Mike Rundell, 147, San Diego, KO over Lawrence Roldan, 146½, Los Angeles, (1); Jim Ingram, 172½, San Diego, and Hillard Edmonds Jr., 172½, San Diego, drew (4); Ricky Weigel, 154, Los Angeles, KO over James Waire, 162, San Diego, (5).

The gate was $3118.

▲LOS ANGELES—Jose Baquedano's comeback lasted less than one round.

Idle for 16 months because of injuries, the Yucatan welterweight faced Babs McCarthy of Sacramento in the ten-round feature at the Olympic Auditorium.

McCarthy started fast and soon had Baquedano in trouble. A left-right combination dropped him for the full count. Referee John Thomas counted him out at the 2:51 mark of the first.

Other results: Pablo Baez, 151, Los Angeles, KO over AL Fletcher, 147, Los Angeles, (2); Jorge Fernandez, 152, Mexico, dec. over Miguel Landeros, 149 East Los Angeles, (5); Agapito Ramirez, 149, Montebello, dec. over Jorge Alfaro, 150, Los Angeles, (5).

▲LOS ANGELES—Herman Montes, one of the top young prospects in Souther California, had to climb off the floor to carve out a 10 round decision over veteran Jose Olivares at the Olympic Auditorium.

Herman walked into a right hand that rendered him on his rear end in the third round. He stayed out of trouble the remainder of the roudn, then went on to cautiously win the decision.

Montes, 131½, Long Beach, was appearing in his first 10-rounder after six prelim victories. Olivares, 129½, is from mexico.

In a second 10-rounder, Oscar Muniz, a stablemate of Montes, ended up all even with Santiago Hernandez.

The fight ended in the seventh when the two boxers collide and Hernandez couldn't continue. The ruling was an accidental head butt. Weights: Muniz, 119, Montebello; Hernandez, 118, Mexico.

In a six rounder, Paz Mena, 116½, Los Angeles, won a hotly disputed decision over Tito Arzate, 115, Mexico.

▲LOS ANGELES—Frankie Baltazar, 131½, Los Angeles, was all over southpaw Miguel Mesa, 133, Los Angeles, scoring a knockout at 2:44 of the fourth round.

Baltazar, a fast punching left hander, had Meza down three times—once in the first, twice in the fourth.

Other results: Jose Rodriguez, 117½, Los Angeles, KO'ed Sergio Nualart, 120, Mexico, (10); Juan Garcia, 115, East Los Angeles, and Jose Viera, 116, Mexico, drew (5); George Fernandez, 148½, Mexico, KO over Dan Oseguerra, 149, Los Angeles, (3).

▲BAKERSFIELD—Claude Durden, filling in for the ailing Gonzalo Montellano, outscored Antonio Fuentes, Mexicali, in the ten-rounder main event at Strongbow Stadioum.

Weights, Durdan, 136, Fuentes, 136½.

Other results: Alonzo Gonzales, 112, Los Angeles, dec. over Jorge Ayala, 114, Bakersfield (6); Jose Caba, 131, Los Angeles, KO over Francisco Guillon, 132, Los Angeles, (1); Fred Tena, 135, Los Angeles, dec. over Ken Davis, 136, Burbank, (5); Fili Ramirez, 125½, Bakersfield, dec. over Sal Gonzales, 127, Mexico, (4).

Mike Quarry's kayo loss to Pete McIntyre killed his TV bout with Michael Spinks. "Irish" Mike received a beating from the San Diego fighter.

▲LOS ANGELES—Highly ranked junior welterweight Monroe Brooks, 141½, Los Angeles, halted Mario Mendez, 141½, Mexico, mid-way in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Other results: Ricky Weigel, 156½, Los Angeles, KO over Pasquel Ramirez, 160, Mexico, (3); Sal Ramirez, 135½, East Los Angeles, dec. over Simon Gurrola, 133½, Los Angeles, (5); Demetrio Torres, 113, Mexico, KO over Jorge Flores, 110½, Los Angeles, (4).

The gate was $6,377.

▲FRESNO—Russell Pope, 155, Fresno, went 10 rounds for the first time in fine fashion, winning a decision over Ruben Rascon, 158, Mexico, at Warner Theatre.

The gate was $3,015, enough for promoters Pete Rokas and Pat DiFuria to break even.

Other results: Richard Abbot, 168½, Fresno, dec. over Ernie Pope, 169½, Fresno, (6); Joe Maldonado, 144, Mexico, dec. over Pablo Baez, 143, Los Angeles, (6).

UP AND DOWN OLD BROADWAY

(Continued from page 38)

What in hell were the judges, TV announcer, Dr. Pacheco and other self appointed officials at ringside watching during the title fight? Spinks won it ALL THE WAY. They tried their hardest to steal it from Spinks. Who ever won a fight grabbing, then covering up leaning against the ropes.

"Condition ONLY has won Ali's other fights. That is why he'd rather tap and run. If he could punch with a bit of authority, he'd stand and belt like a heavyweight champ should. He'd rather FLIT like a butterfly and he can thank heaven Spinks didn't have more than 6 pro fights.

"Spinks is all heart and he will be very very tough to beat. Defending his crown will give him so much authority in the ring. Ali should get out now that he is able to and enjoy his money. He wouldn't go 15 again with Spinks.

"Keep in touch, Sam. Kindest regards from Melba and I.

Your pal,
LOU

Hello to the staff.

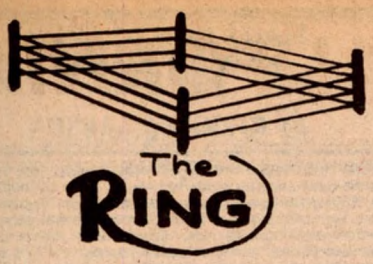
There's always a difference of opinion after every fight. Even we newspaper men learned that a long time ago. However, the Ali-Spinks fight is over, and the right man got the duke. By this time, Leon may have had another fight. The judge who voted for the champion was wrong but, luckily, the two other officials cast their ballot for the new kingpin.

Our Akron, Ohio pal, former boxer Don Williams, sends along the following:

"Just a note to let you know how well that I liked the picture of you and Ruby Goldstein together in Jan. Ring Mag. It's well of you both and I am going to have it framed for my exercising room, thanks a million for posing together. I'll bet a lot of old buddies will do the same. I exercise with dumbbells and do 400 pushups every other day. Keep in great shape that way, also at least once per week steam bath. Since the holidays, my weight's way up 220 so soon I will get real busy and take off at least the 20 extra pounds.

"Hate to see Ruby going to Florida, however maybe someday I'll see him, that is if I ever go that way. One thing I know for sure that you will surely miss him lots, as you have been such great friends over the years. Which reminds me Sam, we are getting older and we can't do the things we used to do.

"We have been snowed in here about all week and they say more is on the way. We already have 10 inches. See the boys are training the amateurs for the Golden Gloves, they always have great shows and they really throw a lot of leather."



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GOLDEN GLOVES

(Continued from page 21)

A.C., took the duke over Michael Dominguez, of the Solar Sporting Club.

William Hernandez, of the Solar Sporting Club, got the duke over Victor Grimes, of the Izzy S. Zerling Youth Center, in the 135 pound sub-novice, which was not taken kindly by the crowd.

In the 135-pound open, William Costello, of the Castle Hill Athletic Club, was a two-round knockout winner over Raymond Johnson, of the United Block Association, the end coming after 19 seconds of the second round.

The 160-pound open championship pitted Alex Ramos, of the Jerome Boxing Club, against Norberto Sabater from New York City Recreational Dept., with the referee, Randy Sandy, the former pro welter star, working, with the winner being Ramos.

THEN came the two fights in the heavyweight division. Melvin Hillard, of the Police Athletic League, won the duke in a mauling scrap with 25-year-old John Gomez, unattached. In the finale, Edward Gregg, of the N.Y. City Recreation Dept., was the victor over Charles Arnold, of the Empire Sporting Club, in what proved to be an ordinary affair.

But as we said, the 1978 Golden Gloves in Madison Square Garden were something to see and even more something to talk about. A salute to the *Daily News* and its Staff.

FARRELL-RAMALHO CALLED A DRAW, FANS RIOT

By RIP VALENTI

LOWELL, MASS.—The undefeated New England featherweight champion, Irish Jimmy Farrell of Rockland, Mass., drawing the biggest gate in the history of pro boxing at Lowell on March 11th, when he defended his championship in a twelve-round fight against the New England bantamweight champion, Dave Ramalho, was robbed of victory by a draw decision.

Jimmy Farrell at 124½ pounds, used game Ramalho, who weighed in at 120 pounds, as a punching bag for twelve rounds.

The gate was $9,206, the biggest ever at Lowell.

Frank Sharkey, boxing writer for the Lowell *Sun* gave Jimmy Farrell nine rounds and called three even. . . .One judge, Joe Martin, whose kid brother Andy Martin, was a great featherweight in the 1920's and 1930's, gave Jimmy Farrell ten-rounds and called two even.

Ramalho was dropped two times by left hooks to the body, his right ear was cut, he had two cuts over his right eye and his left eye was closed. Only his guts stopped him from getting knocked out.

After the fight was over, Joe Martin voted 10-rounds for Jimmy Farrell, and two even.

Then the referee, Eddie Pasquina, voted every round a draw and then the fans started throwing things into the ring.

Then a judge, working his first fight, Ray Belicio of Fall River, voted seven rounds even, two for Farrell, and three for Ramalho.

His voted started the riot, and it was a major riot. . .The cops at the fights could not handle the crowd, so they called for forty more cops. By that time it was a war.

The outcome was that three cops and thirty fans went to the hospital. . . . Forty fans were arrested.

Former featherweight champion Willie Pep, said, "THIS WAS ANOTHER (BLEEP) ROBBERY, Jimmy Farrell won every round."

Mass Boxing Commissioner Joe Wright, gave Jimmy Farrell ten-rounds and called two even.

"Sailor" Don Sauer, New England boxing writer said, "My God, Dave Ramalho never won a round. What are they, crazy?"

Rip Valenti, who has been promoting fights for almost sixty years said, "Farrell won every round."

The Mass. Boxing Commissioner, has taken referee Eddie Pasquina's license from him.

Rip Valenti offered Dave Ramalho a return match against Jimmy Farrell at the Boston Garden for twice the money he was paid to fight Farrell the first time, but he refused the offer.

So Rip Valenti has signed tough lightweight, Darryl "Clyde" Beattie of Cohoes, New York, who is managed by former heavyweight contender, Dave "Ziggy" Zyglewicz, to fight Jimmy Farrell in the ten-round semi-final at the Boston Garden on Saturday night, May 13th between Marvin Hagler and England's Kevin Finnegan.

SEALES HELD TO DRAW BY WILLIE WARREN

By RUGGLES LARSON

SEATTLE, WASH — "Sugar" Ray Seales, 163, Tacoma, was held to an unpopular ten-round draw by Willie Warren, 160½, Corpus Christie, Texas. Warren floored Seales in the eighth round and rocked him on several occasions in the third and fourth rounds. "Sugar" Ray was in complete command during the other seven rounds, using a snapping jab and left uppercut very effectively.
tively.

Referee Pat McMurtry had Seales ahead, 97-94; judge Frank Ramon scored it 95-95, while John Nenezich had Warren ahead, 97-94. The official result gives Seales a 45-4-2 record and Warren a 44-28-3 slate.

In two other ten rounders, Dale Grant, 176½, Tacoma, stopped Stan Johnson, 173½, Seattle, at 2:56 of the tenth round and Tommy Howard, 160, Seattle, t.k.o.'ed Leon McCullum, 158, Corpus Christie, at 2:53 of the eighth round.

Leo Randolph, Tacoma's Olympic Games Gold-Medalist, boxed a two-round exibition with Bobby Pappion of Seattle. Randolph will make his professional debut within the next three months.

The Global Promotion card drew 2,552 fans, grossing $15-,000.

▲TACOMA, WASH. — The following amateur boxers were crowned champions in Tacoma's thirteenth annual Golden Gloves tournament: Tommy Thomas (Walla Walla), John Miller (Tacoma), Jerry Otis (Tacoma), Lander Clark (Seattle), Dave Ius (No. Vancouver, B.C.), Roger McCane (Tacoma), Randy McNurlin (Chehalis), Brett Summers and Todd Summers (Marysville).

▲SEATTLE, WASH. — Davey Armstrong was named "Golden Boy" of the Seattle Golden Gloves. The eleven champions are: 106 — Todd Summers (Marysville), 112 — Darren Vanorman (Spokane, 119 — Brett Summers (Marysville), 125 — Ricky Lockridge (Tacoma), 132 — Davey Armstrong (Tacoma), 138 — Sylvester Carter (Tacoma), 147 — Chuck Robinson (Everett), 156 — Lander Clark (Seattle), 165 — Jerry Otis (Tacoma), 178 — Tommy Thomas (Walla Walla), and Hvy. — Pinkton Thomas (Portland).

▲MISSOULA, MONTANA — Marvin Came, 174½, Missoula, traveled to Las Vegas, where he scored a ten-round decision win over King David Smith, 175, Los Angeles. The top two light heavyweights in the P.N.W. are Camel and Dale Grant of Tacoma.

Due to a printer's error, the dagger which should have been placed next to Muhammad Ali's name in the April world ratings was placed next to the name of Ken Norton. Muhammad Ali is the U.S. heavyweight champion.

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TATE ICES SHAW IN SEVEN

By GEORGE CURCIO

ORLANDO, FL. — In what was the first Orlando heavyweight main event in a good many months, Olympic bronze medalist John Tate, 233, Knoxville, worked on Jacksonville's Leon Shaw for seven rounds before finishing off the game battler at 2;32 of the seventh. Shaw moved his record to 10-0 in the pro ranks in stopping the 26-year old Shaw's nine-bout win streak, leaving his record at 14-6-1.

Tate controlled the contest from the outset, and it was due only to Shaw's desire and heart that the contest lasted as long as it did. Tate's biggest scoring round was the fourth, when he scored with straight right after straight right throughout the whole stanza. Shaw, however, refused to go down under the non-stop attack.

Tate emerged unscathed, while Shaw's appearance, including a cut eye and several marked patches, befit that of a loser.

Tommy "Killer" Ellis, 159, Tampa, handed Kenny Ryals, 162, Homestead, his first loss in the pro ranks via a unanimous eight-round decision. Ryals, coming off a knockout over Kip Braden in which he broke Braden's jaw, looked nothing like the firehouse Ryals of the past, showing no urge to mix it up with Ellis, now 12-6. Ryals' slate dropped to 9-1.

Ellis' younger brother Earthy, a 162-pounder from Gainesville, did not fare as well as his sibling. The younger Ellis met former National A.A.U. champion Tommy Brooks and, despite depositing Brooks on the canvas in the opening stanza, proved to be no match for Brooks, the holder of two wins over Michael Spinks in the amateurs.

Brooks recovered from the early knockdown to put Ellis out on his feet at the end of round two through 2:34 of the third round, when the contest was halted. Brooks has won all six of his pro bouts, all by kayo, while Ellis has lost both his pro efforts.

Eugene Idlette, 208, Vero Beach, stopped Al Migliorato, 194, Orlando, with a clean left-right combination at 2:14 of the first round.

Four amateur bouts preceded, all going the decision route. Results: Billy Bearden, Sefner, over Kenny Whetstone, Homestead; Jim Robinson, Clearwater, over Donald Monks, Forest City; Donny Scott, Gainesville, over Ricky Ortiz, Homestead; and John Shrewsbury, New Smyrna Beach, over Kevin Powers, Umatila.

LECLAIR OVER PEREZ AMIDST CONTROVERSY

By FRANK ALLNUT

MONTREAL — Despite the big hockey fever which has gripped Montreal these days, promoter Jerry Grundman gave the fans full value for their money when he came up with a five ten-round bout card at the Forum. The advertised fight card went ahead with no substitutes or ringers' being used. In the opening middleweight bout Bob Patterson (New Jersey), 160, stopped Bonifacio Avila (Montreal) at the 1.12 mark w of the final round.

Patterson, a well built and conditioned fighter with long arms and a dangerous hooker had Avila going in the second round when he dropped him for two counts, down for a third time Avila survived the round when the referee ruled it a slip. Taking his time and scoring with punches that counted Patterson looked a winner all the way. In the final round Avila started strong in an effort to pull out a decision but was nailed with a right hook by Patterson that knocked him clean across the ring and draped him onto the ropes. Before Patterson could catch up to him the referee wisely stepped in and halted the bout. Patterson was ahead when the bout was halted. Avila could not match the physical condition and punching power of his opponent. Over ten rounds at the lightweight limit Jean Lapointe (Montreal), 133, failed to impress the fans in winning over Jose Ortiz (Brooklyn), 128, who was K.oed. at 1.19 of the eighth round. Lapointe lacked any snap to his punches and failed to box his usual aggressive snappy style. Ortiz took an eight count in the final seconds of the seventh round mostly through exhaustion than a blow from Lapointe. A hook to the body in round eight ended the bout with Lapointe being ahead on all official cards at the time of the K.O. Although a unanimous decision winner after ten rounds, Gaeton Hart (Hull), 132¼, looked like a loser suffering two cut eyes in the final rounds against Rocky Orengo (New York), 137. Throughout the entire ten rounds Orengo was the punching bag for Hart, he took everything that Hart could throw his way and still kept coming in. Hart did not impress the fans with his odd show of fancy footwork and in the final two rounds he slowed up and was nailed with a couple of wild hooks from Orengo that reopened old wounds over his eyes. Canadian Lightweight champion, Cleveland Denny (Montreal), 136, failed to make much headway in the first three rounds against Clyde Beattie (New York), 133, who went with the Floyd Patterson 'peek-a-boo' style with effective results. A change of tactics in the fourth round saw Denny switch to a body attack to bring down the defence of Beattie. A barrage of wicked body shots in rounds four and five took there toll on Beattie who was weakening fast. In round six Denny really opened up with hard hooks to the body and head forcing his opponent to back off. In the closing seconds of the round a solid left hook to the body dropped Beattie in his corner, reaching the count of eight with Beattie still flat on his back the referee continued the count after the bell. It took a while for Beattie to regain his feet and leave the ring.

The best bout of the evening, between Ali Perz (New York), 163, and Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal), 163, was marred by a bad decision handed down by the officials, who seemed to be impressed by the rough house, back alley and sometimes illegal tactics used by Leclair during the ten rounds. Perez, not only is he a dead look alike for Muhammad Ali but he can also box like him. When it came to footwork and boxing Perez handed Leclair a lesson. After winning the first two rounds Perez begam to warm up to the job on hand and gave the fans a great exhibition of boxing which left Leclair a little bewildered. Midway through the fourth round Perez unloaded a beautiful combination on Leclair which dropped him in his tracks for the eight count. On the ropes and still groggy from the knockdown, Leclair threw a desperation right hand in the direction of Perez, who took it on the head and went to the canvas for a two count. The bell to end the round was a welcomed relief to Leclair. Realizing that he could not out-box Perez, Leclair switched to the back alley type of fighting midway through the fight and this is where the referee began to lose control of the bout. Several times the referee saw fit to warn Leclair of hitting on the break, using his head in close, and kidney punching, yet he failed to deduct any points from Leclair for continual use of illegal tactics and minor offences. Although things began to get a little rough during the final rounds Perez stayed with his boxing and lost out to Leclair when it came to the use of illegal tactics. At the conclusion of the bout, the officials called it 48-46, 47-45 and 47-46 for the Montreal fighter much to the disgust of the fans who cheered Perez right out of the ring back to the dressing room. It was a poor decision and the fans knew that no way had Leclair outboxed Perez.

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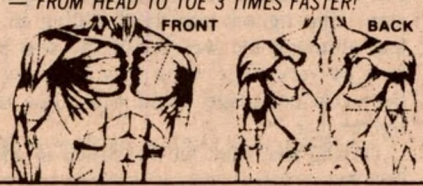

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

GREEN KAYOES ROY JOHNSON, INJURES HAND

ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON — Dave Green, former British and European light welterweight champion, has had one shot at the world welter crown, being kayoed by champion Carlos Palomino. Now he's after another.

First step in this new campaign was knocking out substitute Roy Johnson, Bermuda, 146, in four rounds. This didn't cause much trouble, but unfortunately he damaged his right hand in the process, which caused a postponement of a Commonwealth title fight against champion Clyde Gray of Canada two weeks later.

The bout against Gray was to have taken place at Wembley Pool, but because of Green's injury the whole show was cancelled, but will go on a month after the scheduled date.

Johnson was substituting for Zovek Barajas, who had a hand injury, but although he was game enough, he wasn't strong enough to withstand Green's attacks once the latter got into his stride.

In the first round a clash of heads left Johnson with a cut by the left eye, for which Green incurred a warning at the end of the session. The Britisher incurred another warning in the third for misuse of the head.

It was also in the third that Green damaged his right hand after catching his opponent on the head. In the following round the injury was so painful that Dave had to switch to left hooks to the body and Johnson couldn't take too many of them.

Eventually the Bermuda boxer fell on his back, and finished up with his head on the bottom rope. Although he knew what was going on, Johnson was unable to get up by the time "ten" had been called, with just 25 seconds of the fourth to go.

It was a good workout for Dave, but after five months inactivity, ring-rust was obvious, and it is a pity that he won't be able to get in at least one more contest before meeting Gray for the Commonwealth crown.

British flyweight champion Charlie Magri, 112¾, disposed of Frenchman Nessim Zebilini, 113½, in three rounds, the bout being stopped because the latter was cut over the left eye but at that time the Frenchman was taking punishment, and the end would surely have come soon after.

Zebilini was down in the second, and the bell rang as Magri was ready to follow up. The British champion did all the chasing, and his hooks were damaging, especially to the body.

Zebilini had a typical Continental "gloves in front of face" defense, but it did him little good, for Magri punched away until the hands came down.

Magri incurred a warning for misuse of the head, which may have caused Zebilini's injury, but there could be no doubt that Magri punched far too hard for his game opponent.

This was only Magri's fourth pro bout (he won the British title in his third), and it was a good performance to defeat a fighter rated No. 12 in Europe.

There's no rush for Magri. He has the punch and the strength. All he needs now is suitable opposition, in order to give him a chance to develop his boxing and his defense, both of which he'll need as the opposition gets stronger.

Former England amateur international Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 123½, narrowly outpointed Mark Bliss, Edmonton, 123¾, by 77-76 over eight. The verdict didn't go down well with a section of the crowd, as with all close encounters.

The bout had been twice postponed, and the match was made at 125 pounds.

Bliss is a featherweight, Davidson a leading contender for the British bantam crown, and the latter's unbeaten record was at stake.

I have never thought it a good idea for a boxer to venture out of his own weight division. The lighter man has nothing to gain, and although the weights of the two boxers may be very close when they enter the ring, the extra poundage could well slow up the lighter man.

Having said that, let me hasten to add that this was a lively contest between two evenly matched opponents. Both had facial injuries. Bliss was cut by the left eye, but not until the final round, and also grazed on the nose. Davidson had swellings under both eyes and his nose bled.

Davidson jabbed well, but came under a lot of pressure, especially in the second half of the fight. To his credit, he kept his cool, was always trying to find his openings and kept boxing.

Bliss cracked home some good rights, especially to the face, and there were several close-quarter exchanges of high quality.

I worked with Gary for some time on the editorial staff of Boxing News before he switched to the advertising business, and I know how dedicated he has always been, even as an amateur. He has been unfortunate with injuries, but has had the strength of character to overcome them. Now he can't be far from a title fight.

But please, Gary, no more "overweight" matches.

Southpaw Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Harrow, 133¼, beat Carlos Foldes, Venezuela, 134¼, who was disqualified in the fifth for persistent holding. The latter seemed on the verge of defeat anyway.

Johnny Waldron, Poplar, 176, the Southern Area light-heavyweight champ, outscored Winston Cousins, Manchester, 176, by 79-77 over eight. A hectic fight, with the aggressive Waldron keeping up the pressure and Cousins game to the final round, when he looked a very weary fighter.

Sylvester Mittee, 142½, beat Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 143 (someone said with first names like that they just had to fight), the bout being stopped in the fifth with Gordon still upright but taking a lot of punches. Mittee remains unbeaten.

▲**SUPPORTS ON CONTEH-COKES BILL AT THE SOBELL CENTRE, LONDON** — Dave Conteh, America, 181¼, no relation to John, defeated British light-heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson, 178. But it was a hallow victory, and certainly not worth all the dancing about that Conteh did afterwards.

Johnson retired at the end of the third with a cut on the right eyelid, after showing all the class. Conteh either went backwards or held on for dear life in close.

In the third Conteh's head caught Johnson and caused the eye injury, and although Bunny tried his best to make light of the handicap, it was an impossible task.

Conteh will never have a luckier win.

Chris Lawson, Cardiff, 174, beat Ralph Green, Durham, 173, who retired at the end of the third after being down for nine right on the bell.

George Feeney, Hartlepool, 135, beat Barry Price, Brighton, 138, the referee intervening in the third after the latter had been down three times.

Colin Jones, Gorseinon, 146, defeated Willie Turkington, Doagh, 151½, the bout being stopped after 1 min. 25 sec. of the opening round. Willie had been down for nine.

George Scott, Newcastle, 210½, stopped Gordon Ferris, Enniskillen, 188½, the referee intervening in the third after Ferris had been decked twice.

▲Evesham Sporting Club — Owen Robinson, Birmingham, was decked in the opening round, but came back well to outpoint Joe Lally, Liverpool, over eight in a nobbins bout. Scoreline 79-77.

Tony Kavanagh, Birmingham, 150, beat Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 152, the referee intervening after Goodwin had been down three times.

Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 127¾, defeated Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 129½, the bout being stopped after 1 min. 51 sec. of the opening round. Hill had been on the canvas three times.

Ron Green, Stoke, 171, outscored Ritchie Smith, Liverpool, 173, over four by 40-37.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, 176, easily outpointed Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 171, by 79-74 over eight. McKenzie was decked in the sixth, and Canwell's work-rate was greater than that of his opponent, who was willing enough, and several rounds were closer than the scoreline suggests.

Cookie Roomes, South Norwood, 143, came in as a substitute, and was still too good for Hugh Smith, Chapelhall, 142, whom he outpointed over eight by 78-76.

The pace was a fast one, and it was Roomes' more varied punching that brought him victory, even though his trunks split in the sixth.

Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 164, outscored Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 165, over six by 60-56, not losing a round. Gardner was best at long range, and Burnett tried hard to get in close to nullify his opponent's advantages in height and reach.

Dai Davies, Swansea, 150, outpointed Peter Snowshall, Burnt Oak, 143, over six by 60-58 in a contest that was always close.

▲Tiffanys Ballroom, Coventry — Roy Vardén, Coventry, 140, outpointed George McGurk, Jarrow, 142, in a nobbins eight-rounder by 79-75. McGurk was down twice, but still came back for more. Varden's left jab saw him safely home.

Steve Fenton, Leicester, 177½, kayoed Roger Barlow, Coventry, 178, in 1 min. 59 sec. of the first round.

Debutant James Cooke, Coventry, 129, did well to stop Philip Morris, Swansea, 132½, the referee intervening in the fifth.

Steve Early, Coventry, 139½, beat Ian Pickersgill, Denaby, 138½, who was retired by his corner at the end of the first round with an injured left elbow.

A draw seemed a fair result between apprentices Derek Tew, Leicester, 135, and Gary Collins, Tottenham, 136, over four.

Tony Hill, Leicester, 161, outpointed Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 169, also over four.

▲Civic Hall, Barnsley — After a period of indifferent form, British welter champ Henry Rhiney, 146½, produced the goods when it mattered most to successfully defend his title against Billy Waith, Cardiff, 146¼. Scoreline 147-144 after 15 rounds, and this looked about right, although there were some who made the margin greater.

This fight could be the 27-year-old Waith's "swan song." He had taken part in four British eliminators at different weights, and was confident that this time he would annex a title. Alas, it wasn't to be.

Rhiney lost three bouts last year that didn't involve his title, but his jabbing on this occasion was first-class against a man who possesses one of the best defenses in the country. It is true that Billy had been inactive for six months, and this showed up in his performance, his timing was poor on several occasions, and he couldn't get past the Rhiney jab.

The champ wasn't sensational, but did an adequate job in landing the most scoring punches. Waith was adept at evading punches, as always, but didn't do enough positive work to keep on terms.

There was one stage in the seventh when it looked as if Rhiney might stop his man, but the latter boxed well on the retreat and managed to keep out of serious trouble.

Again in the twelfth Rhiney delivered a two-handed attack that had Waith defending desperately, and Billy was also cut on the left eyebrow. Yet the latter put in a good rally during the last three rounds. By then it was far too late.

Apparently Waith will continue boxing, and while wishing him luck, it is difficult to imagine where he goes from here.

Jimmy Roberts, Liverpool, 150, outpointed Kendrick Edwards, Luton, 153½, over six by 58-56.

Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 147, outscored Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 144, over four by 39-38. Clemit did well for a substitute.

▲Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham — Tony Kerr, Aberdeen, 118½, easily outpointed Mohammad Younis, Wednesbury, 119½, by 79-74 over eight.

The Kerr left hand kept his opponent at bay throughout, although Younis landed a few hefty rights on occasion. It was an all-action affair that brought nobbins from the patrons.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 126¾, kayoed Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 129, in the fourth with a left to the body.

Steve Fox, Wolverhampton, 161, outpointed Mohammad Akram, Leeds, 155, by the narrow margin of 58-57 over six. Fox was down briefly in the fifth, but his cleaner punching won him the verdict against an aggressive opponent.

Eric Wood, Doncaster, 138, outpointed Cari Collins, Merthyr, 137¾, over six by 58-57. It looked as if everything depended on the final round, which Wood won. Collins could not maintain his early supremacy.

▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend — Mick Mills, Islington, 152, was in devastating form, chalking up his seventh quick win in a row by stopping Henry Turkington, 160, in the third. Turkington tried hard to withstand the Mills' barrage, and although still on his feet, was taking punishment when the referee intervened.

Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 128, beat Jerry Howland, Portsmouth, 133, the bout being stopped in 88 seconds of the opening round with Howland on the receiving end.

Bob Young, Croydon, 197, outscored Brian Paul, Basildon, 198, by 58-57 over six. Not a lot of action, and the referee told them to speed it up in the second.

Steve Taylor, Shoreditch, 174½, outpointed Reg Long, Newcastle, 180, over six by 59-58.

John Gilling, Newcastle, 151, defeated Ronnie Pilgrim, Battersea, 153½, the referee intervening in the third.

Des Miller, Portsmouth, 157, beat Dave Hunt, Leicester, 156½, the referee intervening in the fourth after Hunt had been decked twice.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Wayne Evans, Waterlooville, 119¼, had no trouble in stopping Wally Angliss, Harrow, 119¼. The referee intervened in the fourth with Angliss cut by the left eye and bleeding from the nose. It was Wayne's tenth successive victory.

This was a good performance by Evans, who had been inactive for a long spell because of a hand injury. He won a final eliminator for the British bantam crown as long ago as June, 1976. There didn't seem much wrong with either hand on this occasion, but Angliss was game enough, and always ready to trade punches.

The third round was a humdinger. Angliss came swarming in, throwing punches, but Evans stayed cool, then did some scoring on his own account, and at the end of the round, the referee went over to examine the extent of Angliss' injuries. However, the fight continued, but in the following round a vicious right to the head had Angliss in trouble. Evans was after him like a tiger, and the referee then stepped in to call a halt. A good scrap, impressive display by Evans, a brave exhibition by Angliss.

Another fighter high up the bantamweight ladder is John Feeney, Hartlepool, 119¼, who stopped Dave Larmour, Belfast, 117¼, in four. Substitute Larmour complained at the stoppage, but he was taking a bit of punishment, and it looked as if Feeney was in control. It is a tribute to Larmour's durability and determination that he hadn't been off his feet, but his nose bled, and Feeney was outscoring him in the ratio of three or four to one.

Tommy Kiely, Brighton, 197, beat Austin Okoye, Streatham, 198, the bout being stopped as the bell ended the fifth. Okoye had been down twice, and it ended his winning run.

Billy Jeram, Bermondsey, 138, convincingly outscored Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 136½, over eight by 80-74, not losing a round. Holdsworth was cut on the left eye and he bled from the nose.

Dennis Price, Wolverhampton, 152¾, gained a narrow points win against Dave Maloney, Walworth, 150¾, by 59-58 over six. Price jabbed neatly, and looked a more convincing winner than the scoreline suggests.

Debutant Shaun Chalcraft, Reigate, 175, outpointed Joey Williams, Poplar, 179, over six by 59-57. A section of the crowd booed the verdict, and it was a fight of two distinct parts, Williams winning the first half and Chalcraft the second.

▲Top Rank Suite, Reading — Les Stevens, Reading, 195, outscored John Depledge, Leeds, 207¾, over eight by 80-72, winning every round. It was the third successive win in Stevens' comeback, and he opened up only occasionally, having his man in trouble momentarily only in the sixth and eighth rounds. In fact, Depledge put up a good performance against a man who outjabbed him almost at will. Stevens landed punches in the ration of three or four to one, and it was stated afterwards that he was boxing to orders, and only opened up when instructed to do so.

Johnny Elliott, Reading, 149, had to struggle to eke out a points win over Dave Ward, Manchester, 149, scoreline 78-77 over eight. Ward had a good seventh round, but spoiled his earlier work by holding tactics. Elliott finished strongly, but there was little between them.

Billy Lauder, Bonnyrigg, 155, kayoed Kenny Feahan, Tonypandy, 160, in the second after previously decking him twice.

Another bout that ended in round two was between Eddie Vierling, Southampton, 178¼, and Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 177¼, won by Vierling on the referee's intervention. Burton was down as the bell ended the first, and again decked in the second.

▲Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen — Dave Campbell, Enniskillen, 142, survived a knockdown in the third to stop Gordon Kidd, Glasgow, 142½, in the following round. Campbell put his man down in that round with a left hook, and again with a right cross before the contest was stopped.

Gordon Ferris, Enniskillen, 189, kayoed Northern Ireland light-heavyweight champion Tony Monaghan, 196, in the second after previously decking him with a left hook. It was Ferris's second pro bout. He also won the first by a knockout.

Trevor Kerr, Fivemiletown, 166, also scored his second victory in as many fights by outpointing John Breen, Belfast, 164½, over eight by 80-75, not losing a round.

Ray Ross, Ardglass, 137, outscored Gene McGarrigle, Strabane, 138, by 57-56 over six. It could have gone either way.

Billy Rabbitt, Strabane, 136½, outpointed Gerry Burns, Belfast, 137½, over six by 58-57. This reversed a previous points defeat two months earlier.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 149, gained an eight-round points win over Carl Bailey, Manchester, 146½, scoreline 78-76. Plenty of action, but many members didn't agree with the verdict. McKenzie was the aggressor throughout, but Bailey showed up well with good left jabbing and clever defensive work.

Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 148, easily outscored Roger Guest, Dudley, 149, by 79-75 over eight. Rodney's cleaner and more accurate punching turned the scales.

Steve Enwright, Bradford, 127, showed plenty of aggression in outscoring Larry Richards, Leicester, 128, over six by 60-55, not losing a round. Richards contributed a lot, which was not reflected in the scoreline.

Tony Hague, Leicester, 145, made a fine debut by outpointing Billy Nixon, Bradford, 147, by 39-38 after decking him in the first round. Tony is a great grandson of former British heavyweight champion Iron Hague.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — Three months previously Greg Evans, Liverpool, 173½, was kayoed by Vernon Scott, but he looked none the worse for it in outpointing Harry White, Kettering, 178, over eight by 78-.76. White did his share to make it a good fight, and some of his punching looked dangerous, but Evans was the more accurate and deserved his win.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 164, outscored Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 164, over eight by 78-76. The fans liked this one and threw in nobbins. It was Smith's fifth win in a row, and his harder punching saw him home, although not without strong opposition.

Dave Callen, Putney, 163½, beat Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 160½, the bout being stopped in the fifth after the latter had been down three times.

Steve Bond, Nottingham, 162½, stopped Geoff Horton, Islington, 163½, the referee intervening in the fourth and last round with Horton taking punishment.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. John L. Gardner (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Denton Ruddock (J)
5. Isaac Hussien (E)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Les Stevens (E)
8. Terry Mintus (E)
9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Fonomanu Sekona (T)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (Ug)
3. Tony Mundine (A)
4. Bunny Johnson (J)
5. Rab Affleck (S)
6. Victor Attivor (G)
7. Wendell Joseph (Tr)
8. Lat Darasin (N)
9. Pat McCann (E)
10. Garfield McEwan (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Fernand Marcotte (C)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Bunny Sterling (J)
5. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
6. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
7. Dauiel Levesque (C)
8. Al Korovou (A)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Tony Sibson (E)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
3. Elisha Obed (Bah)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Wally Carr (A)
6. John Layton (A)
7. Neil Pattel (A)
8. Tony Poole (E)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Torkano Marcos (A)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
5. Vernon Lewis (Guy)
6. Henry Rhiney (J)
7. Steve Dennis (A)
8. Sakaraia Ve (Fiji)
9. Andy Broome (A)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Baby Cassius Austin (A)
1. Hector Thompson (A)
2. Tony Aba (Papua)
3. Mark Abai (Pap)
4. Martin Beni (Pap)
5. Colin Powers (E)
6. Clinton McKenzie (E)
7. Chris Davies (W)
8. Rosa Eadie (A)
9. Des Morrison (J)
10. Chris Walker (E)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Len Blackmore (Guy)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Barry Michael (A)
4. Claude Noel (Tr)
5. Billy Mulholland (A)
6. Cleveland Denny (C)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
9. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
10. Hogan Jimoh (N)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Alan Richardson (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Dave Needham (E)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Paddy Graham (I)
8. Jackie McGill (S)
9. Bingo Crooks (J)
10. Pat Cowdell (E)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Johnny Owen (W)
3. Wayne Evans (E)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. David Austin (A)
6. John Feeney (E)
7. Wally Angliss (E)
8. John Hipwell (A)
9. George Sutton (W)
10. John Kellie (S)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambew (Zam)
1. Steve Bell (A)
2. Charlie Magri (E)
3. Charlie Brown (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Neil McLaughlin (I)
6. Same Eke (N)

John Aba (Papua) is the Junior lightweight champion. Billy Moeller (A) and Kayinola Armah (N) are official contenders.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Larry Holmes beat Earnie Shavers, 12
Duane Bobick stopped Mick Schutte, 8
Bernardo Mercado whipped Horacio Robinson, 10
'Alfredo Evangelista beat Billy Aird, 15
(European Heavyweight Title)
Dino Dennis won over Jerry Tompkins, 10
John Tate halted Leon Shaw, 7
Guy Casale beat Richard Roy, 6
Jean Pierre Coopman stopped Alberto Lovell, 3
Sugar Bear Williams stopped Farrohk Shanghai, 1
Grady Daniels beat Chico Gardner, 8
Tom Fisher won over Baker Tinsley, 8
Christano Zaragoza stopped Robert Reynosa, 1
Roy Wallace halted Lee Roy Jones, 2
Marty Monroe stopped Frzer Memela, 4
David Johnson kayoed Tito Fontano, 4
George Williams knocked out Robert Papich, 2
Dave Plisko beat Bob Swoopes, 6
Mike Dokes outpointed Abdul Kahn, 8

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHTS
John Conteh beat Joe Cokes, 10
Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez stopped Mike Rossman, 6
Matt Franklin halted Richie Kates, 6
Leo Rogers knocked out Mario Rosa, 7
Bobby Cassidy halted Dave Horne, 1 then beat Ramon Ranquillo, 10
Eddie Gregory stopped Jesse Burnett, 10
Michael Spinks won over Tom Bethea, 10
Aldo Traversaro and Rudi Koopman Drew, 15
(European Lightheavyweight Title)
Mustapha Wassaja beat Bob Foster, Disq. 5, and also beat Bobby Lloyd, 8
Enio Fometti stopped Phil Martin, 7
Tony Mundine beat Ernie Barr, 10
Al Fracker stopped Julien Estrada, 5
Tommy McNeece and Mike Robinson Drew, 4
John Conteh whipped Joe Cokes, 10
Dave Conteh stopped Bunny Johnson, 3
Dave Bradley halted Gerald Abdul-Ahad, 1
Lucky Patterson stopped Don Bester, 4
Johnny Baldwin knocked out Mario Rosa, 6
Alvaro Lopez beat Pete McIntyre, 10
Jim Ingram and Hillard Edmonds Jr., Drew, 4

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Marvin Hagler stopped Kevin Finnegan, 9
Ronnie Harris beat Gratien Tonna, 12
Tom Chiaverini halted Marcelo Quinones, 3
Alan Minter stopped Sandy Torres, 5
Gert Steyn won over Ralph Palladin, 10
Ray Seales and Willie Warren Drew, 10
Dwight Davison beat Akbar Ali Muhammad, 6
Ayub Kalule halted Bonifacio Avila, 3
Sidney Bensch whipped Morgan Moledi, 6
Mike Farrell halted Charles Carter, 1
Robert Payton decisioned Wilber Crews, 4
Ricky Weigel stopped James Waire, 2

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Ayub Kalule won over Rene Pinder, 10, then stopped Jose Hernandez, 5
Rocky Mattioli halted Elisha Obed, 7
(WBC Jr. Middleweight Title)
Edgar Ross stopped Tony Daniels, 5
Johnny Sullivan beat Greg McPherson, 8
Andoni Amana stopped Joel Bonnetaz, 10
Freddie Johnson beat Manuel Torres, 10
Jesse Ewards beat Al Campbell, 10
Jimmy Batten stopped Clarence Howard, 5
Leon McCullum halted Adolfo Rivas, 2
Deryl Brumley beat Arnell Thomas, 10
C.J. Faison beat Karim A-El . .Amin, 4
O'Dell Leonard stopped Sylvester Harris, 2

WELTERWEIGHTS
Jose Cuevas halted Harold Weston, 9
(WBA Welterweight Title)
Pete Ranzany halted Randy Shields, 11
Johnny Gant beat Victor Perez, 10
Alois Carmeliet whipped Justice Ortiz, 10
Scott Clark knocked out Anthony House, 6
Ray Leonard stopped Art McKnight, 7, then halted Javier Muniz, 1
Andy Price kayoed Julio Gomez, 5
Bruce Curry halted Minoru Sugiya, 3
Jorgen Hansen stopped Juan Battista, 2
Dave Green knocked out Roy Johnson, 4
Jan Beneke beat David Kgotsane, 4
Roland Pryor whipped Art McKnight, 10
Nathan Slye halted Bob McGarvey, 2
Mike Rundell halted Lawrence Roldan, 1
Ron Cummings beat Al Fletcher, 6

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Antonio Cervantes kayoed Johnny Copeland, 3
Monroe Brooks halted Jose Gonzales, 2
Dave Green stopped Roy Johnson, 4
Jimmy Heair halted Donnie London, 1, then stopped Robert Tijerina, 3
Bruce Curry lost to Wilfredo Benitez, 10, then stopped Luis Resto, 2
Saoul Mamby beat Jean-Baptiste Piedvache, 10
Larry Stanton Drew with Vilomar Fernandez, 10, and whipped Rufus Miller, 10
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Mike Everett stopped Jorgen Hansen, 1, then lost to Clinton McKenzie, 10

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Andrew Ganigan halted Ignacio Campos, 6
Vincente Saldivar lost to Antonio Pitalua, 10
Jim Watt beat Perico Fernandez, 15
(European Lightweight Title)
Vilomar Fernandez and Larry Stanton Drew, 10
Howard Davis Jr. won over Jose Fernandez, 8
Aaron Pryor halted Ron Pettigrew, 5 then kayoed Al Franklin, 3
Forest Winchester halted Ernesto Gonzalez, 3
Carlos Paneto beat Dave Bolden, 4
Isaac Vega stopped Shannon Williams, 2
Alfonso Cirilo beat Terry Strapnel, 6
Robert L Perez stopped Rommel Mendoza, 5
Ezzard Charles halted Richard Ramos, 3
Otis Hooper halted Clifton Haywood, 3

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello kayoed Mario Mendez, 3
Rafael Limon halted Ernest Bing, 10
Alfredo Pitalua beat Vicente Saldivar, 10
Warren Matthews beat Kenny Weldon, 10
Greg Coverson beat Augustin Estrada, 10, then won over Bennie Marquez, 10
Hector Cortez halted Ray Saldivar, 9
Rick Lane stopped Carlos Serrano, 4
Robert Quintinilla knocked out Manual Rodriguez, 3
Robert Broomfield halted Otis Hooper, 4
Hector Cortez stopped Ray Saldivar, 9
Mun Suk-Choi stopped Ryu Fukita, 4
Bomber Uchida won over Mitsur Tomonari, 10
Spider Nemoto halted Hirofumi Mochizuki, 8
Wildman Alexander beat Alberto Collazo, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Mike Ayala halted Ronnie McGarvey, 1
Sean O'Grady stopped Eddie Freeman, 1
Roberto Castanon beat George Cotin, 10
Yu Kasahara lost to Hwan Hong Soo, 15
(WBA Jr. Featherweight Title)
Juan LaPorte beat Santos Cruz, 4
Wilfredo Gomez stopped Royal Kobayashi, 3
(WBC Jr. Featherweight Title)
Herbert Gumede beat Ephraim Mathenjwa, 4
Jose Caba stopped Jose Luis Lara, 3
Gerald Hayes stopped Santiago Meza, 8

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Carlos Zarate halted Alberto Davila, 8
(WBC Bantamweight Title)
Roberto Rubaldino stopped Jose Luis Lopez, 4
Jorge Lujan stopped Roberto Rubaldino, 11
(World Bantamweight Title)
Lupe Pintor beat Coty Garcia, 10, then stopped Young Brance, 1
Eliseo Cosme stopped Alberto Sandoval, 4
Frankie Duarte stopped Danilo Ocampo, 9, then kayoed Arturo Leon, 9
Shuzo Yoshida halted Arman Bangoyan, 8
Hurrican Teru knocked out Hichiro Hayashida, 6
Kosei Kawaguchi won over Waruingue Nakayama, 10
Kosei Anan beat Shiro Hiromiri, 10
Santiago Hernandez beat Ramon Aguinaga, 10

FLYWEIGHTS
Freddie Castillo halted Luis Estabe, 14
(WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Juan Guzman lost to Jose Ortiz, 10
Charlie Magri stopped Nessim Zebellini, 3
Luis Garcia beat Kazumasa Tamashiro, 10
Alonso Gonzales halted Francisco Rodriguez, 2
Guty Espadas stopped Kimio Furesawa, 7
(WBA Flyweight Title)
Kazumasa Tamashiro beat Luis Garcia, 10
Miguel Canto beat Shoji Oguma, 15
(WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Tsutomu Igarashi stopped Shigeo Maezawa, 8
Yoko Gushiken halted Anaceto Vargas, 14
(WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Nobuyuki Watanabe stopped Pedro Soro, 6
Kazunori Tenryu won over Puma Koya, 10

FRANKLIN KAYOES KATES IN SIX

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Local light heavyweight sensation Matthew Franklin climbed off the deck to score a thrilling sixth-round technical knockout over high-ranking contender Richie Kates at the Spectrum.

It was the third time in the past six months that Franklin has rallied from the brink of defeat to stop his adversary. He kayoed previously undefeated Marvin Johnson after absorbing a nasty pounding this past july and was forced to scrape himself from the canvas before finally halting Bill Douglas in September.

Franklin's stirring win over Kates surpassed even the Johnson and Douglas donnybrooks and firmly established Matt as the hottest fighter in town.

After outboxing Yates in the opening round, Franklin floored the New Jersey veteran with a sneak right midway into the second. Richie beat the count only to be pinned in a neutral corner where Franklin belabored him until the bell.

Kates, 175, seemed a little fresher in the third and began to turn the fight around early in the fourth. He stalked Franklin and scored well with short hooks on the inside. As the round drew to a close, Kates nailed Matt with a perfect right cross to the jaw that dropped the Philadelphian, face first, to the boards.

Obviously hurt, Matt managed to drag himself to his feet and was saved seconds later by the bell ending the round.

Franklin, 175, was still groggy as the fifth-round opened. Kates leaped to the attack but just couldn't find the finisher. As the round progressed, Franklin came out of the fog and began to fire back.

With the 6,586 fans cheering wildly, Franklin lashed out with a stunning right that put jelly in Richie's knees. A following flurry sent Kates down for another count. Kates bravely got up and then was also rescured by the bell.

Franklin did not let his man get away this time. Punch after punch crashed into Kates' face as the stricken boxer reeled around the ring in a helpless condition. A final right to the point of the chin prompted referee Charles Sgrillo to end the massacre at 1:35 of the sixth.

Kates was rushed to the hospital after the fight and kept overnight for observation. Thankfully he was released the next day with a clean bill of health. The loss left him with a very respectable 28-4-0 record with 18 KO's to his credit.

Franklin, who has also beaten WBC champ Mate Parlov, is now 19-3-2 with 12 KO's. Matt is Philly's new "Mr. Excitement" and well on the road to a title shot later this year.

Philadelphia welter Alfonso Hayman returned to the win column with a 28 second knockout over cronic Mexican loser Efrain Gonzales in the opening round of a scheduled ten.

Hayman, 151, was originally slated to box local rival Youngblood Williams but was fed Gonzales, 151, when Williams injured his eye in training. A single left hook finished Efrain for the night.

South Philly's Archie Andrews, 155, battered poor Guy Gargan, 157¼, of Upper Darby, for a bloody TKO in the top prelim.

Andrews' slashing combinations had reduced Gargan's face to a mask of blood when ref Tom Reed stepped in at 1:44 of the sixth. It was Archie's third win over the game Gargan, and a fourth match in this brusing series would be pointless.

Unsung prospect Jerry Graham, 143, upped his pro record to 9-1 with 6 KO's with a second-round TKO over fellow Philadelphian Don Wyse, 141. Graham decked Wyse with a right in the first and continued to dominate until called off at 1:52 of the second.

Upper Darby banger Richie "The Bandit" Bennett, 166, stoped comebacking Billy Early, 175, in 2:42 of the third. The onesided victory raised "The Bandit's" log to 11-1-1 with 7 KO's.

Local heavy Leroy Diggs, 216, looked lucky to hold Baltimore's George Chaplin, 218, to a six-round draw. Chaplin landed the cleaner blows but had to settle for only an even share of the points.

Unbeaten puncher Curtis Parker, 163, pounded out an easy six-round nod over Kid Samson, 173, in an all Philly match.

▲**Blue Horizon** — Streaking lightweight Wade Hinnant, of Philadelphia, body punched his way to a ninth-round knockout over Norman Goins in a hard-hitting contest scheduled for ten.

Goins, 135½, of Indianapolis, went down after absorbing a solid left-right combination to the body. He made a desperate attempt to regain his feet but failed to beat the count.

The loser claimed that he had twisted his ankle and that the injury had prevented him from getting up. This reporter felt that the steady pounding to Goins' ribs and liver also had a lot to do with his defeat.

Hinnant, 138, looked a little off-form and was forced to take a number of telling blows. Goins' stiff right was always a factor but Hinnant kept plugging to the body and it paid off down the stretch.

The undefeated Hinnant posted his twelfth win, six via kayo. Goins, a competent boxer-puncher, dipped to 18-6-3 with 13 KO's.

The top prelim saw Jerome "Silky" Jackson, 156, of Phila., upset "Dancing" Dan Synder, 158, Upper Darby, with a sixth-round TKO. Snyder, who spent most of the night in retreat, folded up when Jackson connected with a moderate right to the belly.

"Sikly" Jackson is now a deceiving 2-1-1 and improving. "Dancing Dan" slipped to 9-4-0 with 2 KO's and does not seem to be going anywhere but down.

South Philly's Leroy Jefferson, 145, returned to the ring after several years and stopped novice pro Wali Abdullah, 143, in the third. Bdullah had nothing and Jefferson waltzed to an easy TKO.

Mike Williams, of North Phila., kayoed late sub William Harris with a left hook in the second-round of another mismatch. This was a lightweight bout.

The fighting bus driver, Jimmy Sykes, pleased his fellow employees, but no one else, with a first-round knockout over a very reluctant Frankie Williams in the light heavyweight opener. Sykes, 171½, threw a ton of roundhouse swipes and Frankie swooned.

The Spectrum Boxing Department promotion drew about 700 fans for matchmaker Russell Peltz.

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CLARK WINS SOUTHERN WELTER TITLE

By GEORGE CURCIO

Orlando, Florida — Scott "Golden Boy" Clark scored his second consecutive sixth-round knockout, this time stopping Anthony House to capture the Southern welterweight championship, Clark, 144, Casselberry, weathered a rough first four rounds to wear down House, who fell from exhaustion as much as a knockout blow. The end came at 2:25 of the sixth stanza, following House's second trip to the canvas.

Kenny Ryals, 162, Homestead, ran his pro mark to 9-0 with an upset kayo of Kip Braden, 161, Sanford, who was coming back from a five-month layoff. Ryals, who scored effectively with a hard left throughout the bout, slowed Braden with a body shot and followed with a series of assorted blows to drop Braden, riding an 11-bout win string, at 0:38 of round four. Trainer Dom Polo would not allow the hurt Braden to continue, fearing possible injury to Braden, who may have suffered a dislocated jaw.

In the pro opener, Irwin Hines, 162½, Winston-Salem, N.C., a stablemate of House, needed only two minutes and one second to stop Fort Lauderdale's Reverend Jerome Brooks, 160.

The card, which drew a disappointing crowd, was promoter Pete Ashlock's third of the year. Lee Geiger handled the matchmaking.

AMATEUR PRELIMS: Steve Rice, 72, Winter Springd, dec. Joe Shrewsbury, 67, New Smyrna; Steve Elliott, 95, Orlando, dec. Kevin Powers, 95, Umatila; Fabian Sanchez, 101, Orlando, dec. Bobby Lassiter, 100, Orlando; Don Flanagan, 144, St. Pete, and Jeff Simmons, 140, Winter Park, no contest, one round; Greg Harris, 132, U.S.M.C., stopped Bob Savage, two rounds; Chris Rizzo, 142, St. Pete, dec. Danny Ashley, 143, Lakeland; Eddie Palmer, 119, Winter Park, decisioned Golden Gloves champion Keith Goldstein, 119, Fort Lauderdale.

▲Orlando, Florida — The unpredictable Joey Vincent, the self-proclaimed "Mr. Excitement" of Central Florida boxing, returned to the ring after a four-month layoff to be beaten by inexperienced 19-year old Robert Spencer in an eight-rounder that did not involve Vincent's Florida State welterweight title.

Spencer, 145, Zellwood, dominated the first half of the bout, repeatedly beating the always slow starting vincent to the punch while having little difficulty avoiding Vincent's punches.

By the time Vincent came alive to employ an effective body attack, he was too far behind on two of the judges cards, and the best he could do was lose the split decision. Spencer is now 2-2 while the 149-pound Vincent's slate dropped to 39-8-2, 34 KOs. Vincent injured his right hand early in the bout, but did not offer any excuses afterwards, saying "I didn't deserve to win the way I fought tonight."

Spencer's upset overshadowed 19-year old Scotty Clark's main event knockout of Cleveland journeyman Ron Pettigrew in the sixth of a scheduled ten. Clark, 143, Casselberry, decked Pettigrew with a right midway through the round. Pettigrew was hurt when Clark inadvertently thumbed him while delivering the knockout blow, but the 145-pounder recovered soon after being counted out.

Forty-four year old Mickey "The Mouse" Mangum, 156, Lakeland, finally turned pro, knocking out Carmen Soler, 162, in two stanzas. Mangum's trademark is "I can boogie," which he did his best to do during the short time the bout lasted.

The opening four-rounder saw Chris Lange, 169, Orlando, come out of a two month retirement to decision pro-debuting Earthy Ellis, 167, Gainesville. Ellis, an amateur standout and the younger brother of Tampa middleweight, Tommy "Killer" Ellis, showed little of the talent he had displayed as an amateur. Lange is now 4-1, but has yet to score a knockout or display much punching power. He did, however, appear to have more spirit this time than in previous outings.

▲Jacksonville — In seven months, manager Billy Mitchell has completely turned around the career of heavyweight Leon Shaw, both figuratively and literally. Mitchell, who purchased Shaw's contract from Miami's Mike Dundee in June of 1977, first turned Shaw from a loser into a winner and has now turned him from a southpaw to a righty.

Shaw, 220, Jacksonville, made his debut as a starboard sider against Carl Baker, 204, the Bahamas, and decked the visitor five times en route to winning a ten round decision before some 800 hometown fans at "The Other Place," an area nightclub. Shaw extended his winning streak to eight bouts in running his once-mediocre record to a respectable 14-4-1. Baker was a late substitute for Fort Lauderdale's Bobby Lloyd, who pulled out complaining of a strained leg muscle.

In an eight round middleweight contest that generated little, if any, excitement, Kelvin "Spook" Jackson, 147, St. Augustine, outpointed pro-debuting Gary Smith, 156, Daytona Beach.

In the opening four rounder, featuring a pair of pro debuting heavies, Chris Tragen, 225, Orlando, punched his way to a verdict over Daytona Beach's Mark "The Organic" Man Orman, 220. One amateur contest preceded the pro card, promoted by Jim Purgason.

▲Orlando — For the third time in his short career. Orlando middleweight Milton "The Black Widow" Owens has been sidlined with a broken left hand. The 24-year old Southern middleweight champion, undefeated in 20 pro bouts, broke the hand for the third time within nine months en route to stopping Tampa's J.T. Dowe in two rounds.

Owens broke the hand each time in a bout of little consequence. The first break, a compound fracture, came against Joe Luis Gonzalez last April in Tampa. Half a year later, he broke it again in defeating Raul Aguirre. After two wins, Owens broke the hand again versus Dowe. The break is expected to keep Owens out for seven weeks and when he returns, according to Orlando matchmaker Lee Geiger, it will be against strictly class competition.

"What we have here is obviously a very talented but fragile prospect whose future may turn out to be limited," said Geiger. "As far as we're concerned, Milton is our top prospect at this time. But of all the fighters in the Pete Ashlock stable, he is also the most fragile. For obvious reasons, we're very concerned about Milton's hands and his career.

"From now on, Milton will be fighting only fighters who mean something. We no longer want him fighting veterans who mean nothing if he beats them. We're doing this to protect Milton—it seems the best course of action in protecting him and his career. Everytime he goes into the ring, he stands a chance of breaking the hand again and losing whatever title chances he has. In the future, he will fight only fighters who have either a U.S. or world rating until he lands a title shot. It is not worth risking his career against fighters who are not that highly regarded."

▲Orlando — Promoter Pete Ashlock has officially named Lee Geiger, a former area boxing columnist, to replace Bruce Trampler as Orlando Sports Stadium matchmaker. Trampler left Orlando after a three-year stint to replace Duke Stefano as assistant to Madison Square Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner. Ashlock also announced that Sports Stadium general manager Jim Hayes will be more involved in upcoming promotions and will now report directly to Ashlock. Trainer Dominick Polo, responsible in the past for only the pros, will now oversee the amateur program as well, with Jack Fletcher to continue as trainer for the amateurs. Additionally, area boxing enthusiast and entrepreneur Malcolm Tait has offered his services as advisor to the Stadium operations.

NOTES — Trainer Dominick Polo has suspended 16-year old middleweight James "Showboat" Salerno from the Sports Stadium gym for three months, citing low school grades and a poor attitude. . . Former area high school wrestling referee Tony Palermo has been added to the Stadium's roster of judges . . . Puerto Rico's Alfredo Escalera trained at the Orlando Sports Stadium gym for his unsuccessful title defense versus Alexis Arguello. Escalera appeared to enjoy his stay here, even though his pet boa constrictor "Salsa" did not accompany him.

FISTIC ACTION IN WEST AFRICA

By TRIGO HARRISON IBN EGBEGI

LAGOS NIGERIA—It was a night of knockouts as the 1978 fistic calendar took off to a bright start. Two Nigerian boxers atoned for the miserable showing of the nation during the past year, as they each registered kayo wins over Ghanaian imports. Firstly, sensational Obisia Nwapa tore Ghana's young junior welter hope, Mike Abbey apart with a brutal display of destructive savagery inside one round. Then junior lightweight Kazeem Armah required no more than the opening stanza to put veteran Abdul Joe Azizu to sleep. But ex-Nigerian middleweight champ Siki Panther found Ghana's new African 160 pound boss, Richard 'Scorpion' Ofosu, too hot to handle, and went down to defeat in four rounds.

Panther entered the ring determined to avenge a previous inside-the-distance loss inflicted on him by the same man early last year. But once the action started he failed to make any worthy impressions in the face of an endless stream of left jabs occasionally mingled with right hand bomds. To the loser's credit, however, he refused to wilt, bullying his way doggedly inside the Scorpion and making a fight of it. The reward was highly expensive. Panther's foolhardy efforts cost him a terrible pasting. The third man mercifully ordered a ceasefire to the massacre just before the bell ending the 4th.

Indeed Lagos continues to provide a happy hunting ground for the ebony-black Ghanaian demon. He's scored three straight wins in as many outings here. Without doubt the Scorpion has run out of opposition in West Africa, and should start exploring new horizons. He'll be a match for any rated middleweight anywhere in the world.

Junion welter Obisia Nwsapa threw everything but the kitchen sink at innocent-faced Mike Abbey enroute to scoring an upset kayo. Fans had expected to see a confrontation between these two fast rising youngsters. A physical education undergraduate in Ghana's premier University, Abbey was favoured to tame his man on the strength of this experience, as well as his recent impressive showing here against Razak Kid Fujah. But he met a tough puncher, and was barely able to lay a glove on the Nigerian superstar who rocked him silly. Obisia was definitely a licensed killer. At the opening gong a scowling Obisia wasted little time in tearing into his helpless victim, picking his punches with deadly accuracy. Mike was in no shape to answer the bell for round two. The damage to the loser included a dislodged elbow bone, a broken mouth and a knockdown. In addition, Abbey lost his hitherto unbeaten record. He's now 10-1. Obisia's record is a neat 5 - 0.

Junior lightweight Kazeem Armah posted his most impressive win to date with a one-round destruction of former Ghana lightweight champion Joe Azizu. It was a class performance by the former amateur great, though there were many questions about the ability of the Ghanaian trial-horse who climbed into the arena in a poor physical condition. If Kazeem maintains this form I think there shouldn't be much problem between him and the African title.

Featherweight Isaac Ewefa tko'd Joe Paddington in five.

And finally, promoter Dayo Abatan was kayoed at the box office by the City's transport workers whose industrial action accounted for only a fair turnout. Other fight results: Raga Murphy of Ghana won the vacant W.A. bantam championship when he beat Nigeria's Abbey Tiger in 5 rounds. West African lightweight champion Hogan Jimoh stopped Sylvanus Amusu of neighboring Benin Republic in four (non-title); Flyweight Ray Amos beat Daniel Abbey of Benin Republic in four. Feather Joe Skipper stopped Bob Austen in 7.0. Bantam Chris Emenogu outpointed Jimmy knuckle in 6. Fidelis Olayiwola engaged Samson Aransiola in a light middleweight slugfert scheduled for eight rounds. 'Layi slugged the biblical hero unconscious in the third.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

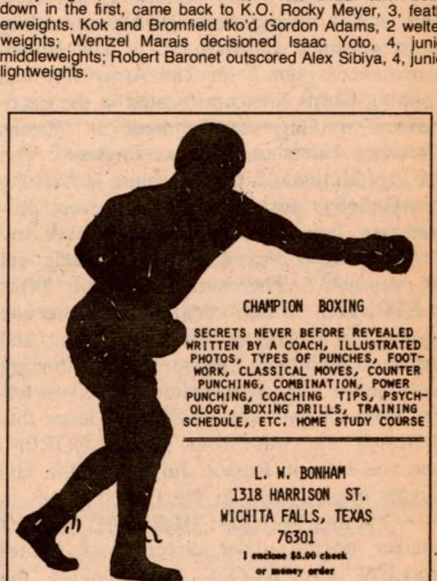
CAPE TOWN — Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini had Jan Kies down in the first round but could not keep Kies on the canvas and had to settle for a hard fought win over eight rounds in the middleweight division. The fight was held in the Good Hope Centre before a crowd of 4,000 fans. A left and a right to the head had Kies in trouble and then an overhead left to the jaw from Makhathini had Kies on the canvas. Kies rose but was down again and the referee Henni Lotter ruled it a slip. Kies slipped again in the second, then staged a rally to draw the third round even though his face was covered with blood. In the fourth it was "Tap Tap" who was in trouble, as Kies carried the fight to his opponent, leading with one hand and trying to follow up with the other. By the fifth, Makhathini had a large swelling over his left eye. Kies also was soaking up punishment , but in the seventh he was rewarded as Makhathini. Sydeny Hoho, having the edge in experience, outboxed Mark Melville over eight rounds in the light heavyweight division to win clearly on points. Melville showed courage in taking hard blows but in the last round Hoho peppered the younger man to win.

Bashew Sibaca won the Black featherweight title by outscoring Thomas Sitheve over twelve rounds. Both fighters being crafty and the crowd saw a masterful exhibition of the finer art of boxing. Sibaca was down in the first via a right cross but got up to land more blows than Sithebe to take the decision.

Bramley Whiteboy decisioned Joshua Plaatjies, six, lightweights; Coenie Bekker outscored Nkhasana Luphondo 4, junior middleweight; Stanley Maxembengula TKO'd Bobby Neill, 4, light heavyweights.

▲DURBAN — Gert Steyn was adjudged the winner over ten rounds against fifth ranked Ralph Palladin in an exciting junior middleweight fight at the West Ridge Tennis Stadium. Steyn was to have fought Eddie Gaze, but Gazo injured his hand and Palladin was flown over to replace him. Both boxers gave the crowd their money's worth and Steyn's win was close. Steyn jabbed well to take the first round and in the second Palladin's right eye was cut, but it didn't worry the American, who kept going forward. Steyn however, was the harder puncher. Steyn won the third well as he sent Palladin's head back with jolting blows but in the fourth Palladin endeared himself to the crowd, landing several good right hand blows over Steyn's jab. Steyn's nose was cut in the process. Palladin staggered Steyn with a good right in the fifth but Steyn shot back in the sixth with hard jabbing punches. Round seven was a "breather" round and both fighters missed many punches in the eighth. But in the ninth, although Steyn scored well to the mid-section, Palladin kept coming forward and in the final sttanza both fighters went "all out" and the crowd treated to an exciting climax. Palladin will be a welcome fighter anytime in S. Africa. He's all action and gives value for money.

The shock of the evening was the stunning defeat of Doug Lumley, the middleweight champion, by relatively unknown Daniel Mapanya in two minutes and 39 seconds of the first round. It was a sensaional ending, with Lumley trapped in his own corner and Mapanya raining blows upon him Lumley fell face towards the canvas and at the precise moment the referee stepped in to stop the fight and the towel was thrown in, thus robbing Mapanya of a knockout. When Lumley was lifted up he asked "What happened?" Mapanya wasted little time in preliminaries and showed aggression but Lumley was able to cope witht he situation until Mapanya's long right and following left make it an early evening. Theunis Kok showed promise in his debut in kayoing William Mandyu, 3 light heavyweights; Norman Bromfiels, in his debut after being down in the first, came back to K.O. Rocky Meyer, 3, featherweights. Kok and Bromfield tko'd Gordon Adams, 2 welterweights; Wentzel Marais decisioned Isaac Yoto, 4, junior middleweights; Robert Baronet outscored Alex Sibiya, 4, junior lightweights.



VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

LOU JALLOS, the former fast-moving lightweight, (see Feb, 1978 column) writes me, "Have moved from Farmington, Michigan, and we now live at 12760 Indian Rocks Rd., Apt 1043, Largo, Florida." This column trusts that the "Welcome Mat" is out in Largo, for this great former boxer, security specialist, referee, and now retired. Good Luck—LOU and MELBA. . . A great fight buff and quite an athlete and amateur boxer is Colonel WILLIAM B. BRUMLOW, 21 Carriage Lane, Route 4, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301. This fine USAAF staff officer and scientist is the most staunchest supporter for boxing in the Armed Services. He is a member of SAMMY VENTI's World Boxing Historian Association and is in touch with dozens of the former fistic greats. . . . Battling "Kid Nelson, who is a director of JOHNNY DeFOE's Ring 8, of the IVBA, also claims to have been the Jr. lightweight champion of the World, 1917, and, retiring from his Bronx candy store, has left New York and is touring the world before settling down in sunny California. . . . The British Army needs your help. The Army Physical Training Corps Museum located at the headquarters training establishment at Queens Avenue, Aldershot, Hants, England. The Boxing Section of the Museum is seeking memorabelia, posters, medals, gloves, programmes, boxing publications, and will any former military boxing champions help out the museum? The curator, Major TOM FLETCHER, would very much appreciate hearing from former APTC boxers, and former British and Empire Military boxing participants. . . . This column receives letters from all over the world, one letter that interested me was from GENE GOREN, who was born in Russia, July 25, 1900. His parents brought him to the United States in 1906. Settled in East Baltimore. Started amateur boxing under direction of former pro-LEW HAYWOOD. Later joined the Central YMCA and trained under watchful eye of coach JIMMY BRITT. Became the lightweight champion of the South Atlantic region. Became a professional in 1924, had 20 contests, winning 17. Became a coach and taught boxing at The Ritz A.C., the Federal A.C., and then the Emoroywood A.C. One of his pupils, JOHNNY SCHUSS, was recently elected to the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame. Two other famous pupils were IZZY CAPLAN and BUCKY TAYLOR who became members of the Hall of Fame. FRANKIE VINCI can thank GENE for his winning the 118-pound championship at Washington, D.C. in 1930.

SAMMY GLASS, a former contender who was trained by GENE became a member of the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame in 1977. Recently, this former boxer and now a leading boxing coach appeared on televison, channel 11, Baltimore, Maryalnd, giving a series of physical fitness shows. GOREN, is a member of JOE POODLES VBA, Ring 101 and is very active with the veteran group. Oh yes, GENE, at 77 years, still gives boxing exhibitions, Contact him at 3316 Ben Valley Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207. . . .

Will the following former veteran boxers please contact this column; PAUL CAVALIER, JIMMY SLAVIN, CHARLES HENRY, and DON COCKELL. Letters sent to you were returned. . . . Former welterweight champion of Great Britain EDDIE THOMAS, remember his bout with American BILLY GRAHAM, which still is a controversial tid-bit in bars today. After retirement as a boxer, EDDIE became an accomplished coach, trainer, manager and referee, and steered KEN BUCHANAN to the world lightweight title. THOMAS is now becoming a success in the promoting side of boxing, with shows in Wales and London. This column told BILLY GRAHAM of your success EDDIE, the charitable BILLY sends you his very best wishes and hopes you make yourself a million. . . .

This column would appreciate information from the secretaries of the various rings throughout the world. Whether you have 10-members or 1,000, this column would like to know about your members, dinners and testimonials, honors and awards to members. Also, if your organization publishes a bulletin, why not send this column a copy. . . . Ex-sportswriter, PAUL SIMON, now a Congressman of the 24th C.D. Illinois, sending out letters that emphasize "Pro-boxing as being the only sports where the purpose is to do damage to the opponent," he goes on to say," Seventy-per-cent of professional boxers end up with brain damage." This Congressman is seemingly not so knowlegeable about the sport. Veteran boxers of the 24th Congressional District should visit the good gentleman. . . .

Correspondent BYRON W. GOKEY, writes, "I dropped in on JOHNNY "KAYO" CASPER, who lives at 324 North, Winooski Avenue, Burlington, Vermont. He looks good for 72-years of age." For the benefit of readers, KAYO CASPAR fought both FRANKIE and the "Fargo Express," BILLY PETROLLE, and beat both of them. He beat up JIMMY DeCAPPA so much, that he was unable to fight for some time. On November 6th, 1931, BENNY LEONARD took a ten-round, decision from CASPAR in Burlington, Vermont. This column wishes KAYO CASPAR the best of health and good wishes. . . .

DAVID FREIFELD, writes from 2908 N.W. 62 Avenue, Margate, Florida, 33063. "His father ABE FREIFELD, a colorful slugger in the 1930's is now retired and living with his wife Lily, in Johnson City, a suburb of Binghamton, N.Y. ABE and the late GEORGE ZENGARES, another fine boxer were super athletes at the Tompkins Square Boys Club on Tenth Street and Avenue A in Manhattan, N.Y." O.K. David, if this item will brighten up your Father's life, then-this column is glad to do it. . . .

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RANZANY

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his body attack. Shields is smart and talented, and like Debbie Reynolds, he's gone a long way on cuteness. In thiry-five fights, his only previous lose was to fellow stylist Vicente Saldivar.

The opening round saw Shields, 145, outboxing Ranzany, 147. He was able to lead Ranzany around the ring and surprise him with some pretty punches. Ranzany came back in the second frame and reached his footloose foe with a string of crisp shots. And so it went for the first six rounds; Shields sticking to his tactical fight plan, boxing smartly, moving well. Ranzany, the tireless pursuer, dogged after him, throwing bricks. Split the first six rounds between them.

But after a while one fighter is bound to gain an edge, however slight, that begins to overcome the best laid plans of his opponent. And so it was inthis contest. From the seventh round on Ranzany's attack grew stronger and Shields was raked with sharp jabs and hookds. Although never able to land repeatedly to the body, Ranzany was able to reach Shield's face with punishing regularity. The edge began to widen in the succeeding rounds.

In the eighth, Ranzany's punches were getting cleaner, and Shields' features began to melt away. Shields was still moving, but it was not to draw his foe in to catch him with combinations. Shields was moving to avoid the heavy punches. He resorted to a great deal of holding, all of which caused Ranzany's manager, Joey Lopes, to just about lose his voice from yelling at referee Dave Nelson.

In the ninth round Ranzany landed a right to the liver that caused Shields to jump. Unfortunately, his right foot came down on his left and he stumbled backwards to the canvas. The referee ruled it a slip and Shields got up hobbling, complaining about his ankle. The ringside doctor interrupted the fight to look at the ankle and then ordered the contest continued.

So much for Shield's strategy! True, he had off-set Ranzany's body attack, and he had kept himself respectable with snappy combos, but Ranzany had all but punched holes in his fight plan, and had whacked him with both hands. In the eleventh, Ranzany opened a small cut on Shields' left eyebrow and continued to hammer away at it. Finally, the doctor made his second visit to the ring, and this time halted the fight, at 1.52. Nobody, not even in Shields' corner, offered an argument.

Sheild's father and manager, Hollywood stuntman Sonny Shields, consoled his bruised son and tensely predicted that he would be back for better days.

In his dressing room, Ranzany had high praise for his opponent, "He's the best boxer I ever faced." Pete said. "But I knew he couldn't hold me off all night. Once I got him with some solid shots I took away a lot of his speed." In terms of rounds, The Ring had it 7 for Ranzany, 3 for Shields, with the tide coming in strongly.

The card was a sell out, and grossed $50-,055, paid by 4720 customers. That, and Ranzany's win, made local promoter Babe Griffin smile like a bride. Now he goes to L.A. to huddle with the bigwigs about a crack at Carlos Palomino. Both Shields and Ranzany received $12,500 for their work.

In a six rounder between heavyweights, Dave Plisko, 205, Sacramento, had to settle for a split decision win over "Bouncing" Bob Swoopes,220, San Franciso. The fight was noteworthy for its pauses.

In another six rounder, Jose Resendez, 124, Mexico, TKO'd Tony Fernandez, 121, Redwood City, when Fernandez was cut too badly to come out for the fourth round.

Finally, in an opening six, Ron Cummings, 143, Sacramento, won a decision over Al Fletcher, 144, Carson City, Nevada. Fletcher tried, but tired. Cummings is now undefeated in four pro fights.

CONTENDERS

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Georges Carpentier in Jersey City. Dempsey had the reputation of being rough on his sparring partners, but the young Canadian was able to come through the workouts without too much damage, and the champ predicted that Renault would be a leading contender within a few years.

Renault and Billy Miske went ten rounds (no decision) on the Dempsey-Carpentier undercard. In a return bout, on January 8, 1922, Miske knocked Renault out in thirteen rounds, but 1923 saw Jack come to the front with knockouts over George Godfrey, Tiny Jim Herman, Fred Fulton, Floyd Johnson, and Tom Cowler. He remained a top contender for the next five years, and wasn't knocked out again until his last professional fight, against Joe Crawford on December 21, 1931.

Renault, who stood 6'1" and scaled 195 pounds, was managed by Leo P. Flynn, one of the smartest men that boxing ever had. It was Leo P.'s insistence on a knockout that resulted in the fifteenth round kayo that Renault handed Floyd Johnson on November 2, 1923. Renault was also a member of that great fraternity. He turned the trick in St. Louis on January 26, 1926.

Luis Firpo was on the way out as a serious contender by the end of 1924. The major reason for this was his twelve-round loss (although it was officially a "no decison" bout) to Harry Wills in Jersey City on September 11 of that year. He was inactive during 1925, and had one fight in 1926 (a points victory over Erminio Spalla in twelve round in Buenos Aires) before retiring. Finances prompted his return to the ring ten years later, but Arturo Godoy bounced him all around the ring and stopped him inside three round on July 11, 1936. Firpo died in Buenos Aires on August 7, 1960.

George Godfrey, rated eighth by Rickard, was one of the marvels of the ring. George's real name was Feabe Smith Williams, the Godfrey of the 20's was big, 240 lbs. and 6'3", but he called himself George Godfrey after the well known fighter of the 1880's. Sam Langford and Jack Blackburn taught him how to box, and Godfrey was one of the most feared heavyweights in the world from 1925 to 1932. He fought from 1920 to 1937, and in 109 bouts, Godfrey knocked out seventy-six of his opponents. The reason that he never won the title was that he was black. The few fights that he lost were mostly fakes, or outright robberies. He beat Paulin Uzcudun in 1928 and Jack Sharkey in 1926, though the decision went to Sharkey. He also beat Jack Renault. (Renault had kayoed George in 1923, but there's a story to that one, See Volume V of Nat Fleicher's *Black Dynamite* series.) Most of the top contenders avoided Godfrey like he was the plague, with good readon. He would have murdered virtually all of them and might have even given Wills and Dempsey plenty to think over.

Until Jack Sharkey knocked him out in 1927, Jimmy Maloney was the pride of South Boston and a rising heavyweight contender. He started boxing in the army, taking on Jack Dempsey in an exhibition bout. ("Yes, they carried me out that night," was the way Jim remembered it.) He beat Sharkey in 1924, but Godfrey knocked him out in one round in August 15, 1927, and Tom Heeney turned the same trick on September 30. That finished the popular Irishman as a top-flight contender. He didn't quit the ring until 1932, but he had not been much more than a "journeyman" the last four years of his career.

Erminio Spalla was the heavyweight champion of Italy. His claim to being ranked number ten in the world lay with a string of knockouts over ham-and-egger European fighters, plus a kayo of American Tom Cowler in Rome in January 27, 1923. Firpo and Tunney knocked him out in 1924, and after two more fights he went back to the Continent. He hasn't been heard from since.

The champion, Jack Dempsey, was inactive during 1925, but there were plenty of good fighters who were not. The next installment will take a look at Bud Gorman, Harry Persson, Young Bob Fitzsimmons, and other leading heavyweight contenders of the last two years of Dempsey's reign.

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By JACK A. TREE

SCORECARD RECHECK ROBS KOOPMANS OF CROWN

ROTTERDAM, Holland—Rudi Koopmans, Holland, perhaps a little unlucky in the fight trade, finally thought he had made it at the age of thirty. He became the European light heavyweight champion in Rotterdam, outscoring champion Aldo Traversaro, of Italy, over fifteen rounds. In less than twenty four hours Rudi found that he was not champion after all. Referee Fernand Perotti of Spain, who had made the Dutchman a winner by 146-145 had errored, and his scorecard should have read 145-145. Together with Britain Jim Brimmel scoring in favor of Koopmans 145-144 and Frenchman Andre Berlier, who scored 144-144, the fight just had to be a draw in accordance with EBU article No. 19. Traversaro, who will be thirty in July, received DM 90,000 for this voluntary defense and he must feel very lucky that he was able to return home with his crown.Rudi Koopmans, undefeated in 27 professional fight, almost threw away everything in round fifteen when he was decked for a count of eight by a right to the chin. He broke his hand in the sixth and this proved a big handicap.

The tide always seemed to be running out on Rudi. As an amateur he won a local title and a silver medal at an Internation tournament in 1972. Being carried away with boxing, Rudi neglected his trade and got on the wrong side of his employer, who sacked him. Koopmans then boxed in Germany without first getting permission from the Dutch authorities, who banned him for life. In 1972, the Dutchman turned professional while still in Germany and joined Fritz Wiene's stable in Hamburg. He was already twenty-five, rather late in life to take up the sport for a meal ticket. Three years later, his contract was sold to Willi Zeller in Berlin. The same year the Dutch Boxing Union lifted its ban on Koopmans and he took part in a bout with German, Peter Scheibner on December 8th.

In a supporting bout to the Koopmans—Traversaro fight was a match between Marian Benes, Yugoslavia, and Britain Tiger Quaye. Benes lost his first professional bout, being kayoed in the third and can now forget all about his title fight with European welterweight champion, Alain Marion of France.

SPAIN

▲**Madrid**—Britain Jim Watt made a successful defense of his European lightweight crown outscoring, Perico Fernandez, Spain, over fifteen rounds. Watt four years older than his 29 year-old challenger, lacked a punch to finish the fight in the closing rounds when Fernandez took three compulsary counts of eight. Rights to the face and the body finally sapped the Spaniard's strength. Fernandez has had a weight problem for some time now se he was probably week before Watt started taking his hide apart. There was nearly a sensation in the opening round when Watt was forced to take a compulsary count of eight. The Spanish promoter won the fight for Madrid with a bid of c13,000. Fernandez (25) has had over 50 fights in a six year career and in 1976, he won the European light title and also reigned as WBC junior welter champion in 1974. Jim Watt won the vacant title beating Andre Holyk of France KOI on August 5th, 1977 and has since defended it against Jerimo Lucas of Spain winning in the tenth. The lightweight division dates back to 1909 when another Britain Freddie Welsh was crowned. Since then the division has had 114 bouts and Watt is the 46th champion. Madrid the scene of twenty eight European title fights was having its sixth at the lightweight limit.

in a middleweight bout, 25-year-old, Juan Rubino Melero, having his ninth professional bout, was ko'ed by fellow countryman, Spaniard Francisco Ramos, and later was taken to hospital where he is still unconcious and fighting another battle, this one for his life.

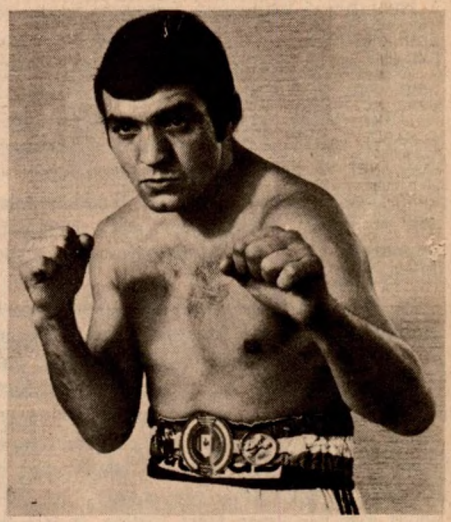
GERMANY

▲**Kiel**—Louis Pergaud, Cameroons, based in Germany, won his tenth professional bout beating the world class American, Lonnie Bennett in eight rounds. Promoter was Alfred Schultz who provided us with the first show of the year here in Germany. Schulz had planned a meeting in January but the press and public opinion forced him to shelve everything for a while. Jorg Eipel, who was Ko'ed by Alain Marion, France, in December, was still unconcious in a French hospital at the time and the knockers were giving the sport a pretty rough time. It was understandable that no promoter wanted to be the first to get boxing moving again. Now Jorg Eipel is back in Berlin and is making good recovery, and with forty-nine days gone of the New Year and eighty five days since the last promotion in this country, Wilfred Schulz took the bull by the horns and ventured this meeting at Kiel which attracted a crowd of nearly two thousand.

Lonnie ennet appeared to be way past his best although rated at No 6 by some. Flatfooted, he was slow and even though a cut eye took him out of the fight in round eight, he had no chance of beating Pergaud. Louis Pergaud, born 14.8 1950, a southpaw, had a hundred amateur bouts and fought at the Montreal Olympics.

In a supporting bout Karl Heinz Klein (30) beat Karsten Honhold (31) TKO3 to win the BDB light heavy title of Germany. In the third, Honold was decked three times from right hooks and the third man then called a halt.

With two ruling bodies in Germany, the BDB and the VdF, the fifty active boxers in this country are having a very difficult time. The BDB declared the light heavyweight crown vacant because the champion, Leo Kakolewica, was a member of the opposition, the VdF. Klein and Honold, members of the BDB, were matched for the vacant title but a Berlin court acting on behalf of the VdF ruled that a fine up to DM 500,000 would be imposed on promoter Wilfred Schulz, if he staged the bout. The court also objected to the billing of the Pergaud—Bennett contest as a world title elminiator. Schulz kept calm and billed the Klein—Holhold contest as for the BDB light heavyweight title of Germany. To the world title elminiator Schulz conveniently added the word 'unofficial'. Unofficial or not, Pergaud has gate crashed the world ratings with this victory over Bennett.



Alain Marion, France, won the European welterweight championship by knocking out Jorg Eipel of Germany in December.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen**—If American Bob Foster or Spaniard Jose Hernandez never fight in Denmark again the Danes will lose no sleep. Foster was fined $2,500 of his $10,000 purse and Hernandez drew only half of his $3,000 pay roll. They were lucky to have been paid anything for their drab performance. Light heavyweight Mustapha Wassaja, Uganda, based in Denmark, topped the bill facing ex-world champion Bob Foster, who is at present making a comeback and had already booked eight straight wins inside the distance. At the end of the third Foster compained of an injured left and made signs that he wanted to retire. At the end of thefourth it was clear that he wanted no further part in the engagement but the crowd were not satisfied and threw missiles into the ring showing their disaproval. After a hold up while the ring was clear Foster came out for another round but this was to be the last.

Spaniard Jose Hernandez, who faced undefeated Ayub Kalule, Uganda, also deserved no Oscar for his performance, as it was almost identical to that of Foster's. He made it home to bed early, retiring with an injured hand in round five. His only reward was a right hanger to the ear from his disgusted trainer, Blanco.

Ex-European welterweight champion Jurgen Hansen, Denmark, was ko'ed in two minutes by Mike Everett, USA, with a right hook to the chin. Welterweight Erkki Meronen, Finland, leading on points, had to retire with a cut eye in round five against Johnny Pincham, Great Britain. Middleweight Per Mullertz Denmark, outscored Charlie Cooper, Great Britain, over six rounds. Junior welterweight Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, outscored Britain Tommy Dunn, six.

FRANCE

PARIS Heavyweight. Lucien Rogriguez outscored Tony Moore (GB) eight. Light heavyweight. Sylvain Watbled beat Christian

Poncelet, KO3. Welterweight. Alain Ruocco beat Jean Pierre Moreau, KO3. Richard Rodriguez outscored William Collett, eight.

▲**MARSEILLES**—Claude Lormeau beat Robert Gambi, KO10 to win the vacant junior welterweight title of France.

▲**PARIS**—Welterweight Louis Acaries beat Horace McKenzie (GB) TKO9. Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen beat John Laine, KO6. Welterweight. Dragan Tadic outscored Jean Paul Coppyn, sic. Criel Dec. 17th. Featherweight. Gerard Jacob beat Ambrogio Mariani, TKO2. Middleweight. Eric Kopec and Mustapha Kabangu drew their eight rounder. Welterweight. Patrick Babourain beat Rene Guillot, KO. Featherweight. Jean Jacques Souris and Patrick Goblet drew their eight rounder.

▲**LUNERVILLE**—Junior middleweight. Maurice Renaud decisioned Serge Sineinikov, six. Christian Chesini outscored Jean Pierre Fuches, six.

▲**CODE SUR ESCAUT**—Junior welterweight Didier Kowalski outscored Daniel Leterme, eight.

▲**COUDEKEEQUE**—Junior welterweight. Dan M'Putu decisioned Guiseppe Minotti, eight. Welterweight. Fred Coranson outscored Jose Luis Ribeiro, ten.

▲**CALAIS**—Lightweight. Paul Croigny outscored Andre Blanco six rounds. Middleweight. Jose Lacano beat Michel Pagani, TKO4.

▲**TOURCOING**—Featherweight. Georges Lietar beat Jean Pierre Meganck, TKO3.

▲**CREPY EN VALOIS**—Featherweight Laurent Grimbert outscored Bechir Bountka, eight.

▲**BATENTIN**—Laurent Zardy outpointed Robert Desouck, six.

▲**PARIS**—Louis Acaries won the vacant French welterweight title beating Pascal Zito, TKO4. Middleweight. Idrissa Konate outscored Gerald Breton, eight. Welterweight. Jean Paul Coppyn and Jean Michel Tozer drew their six rounder.

▲**LYONS**—Junior welterweight. Jean Saadi decisioned Laurent Degila, ten.

▲**DUNKIRK**—Welterweight. Joe Kimuani outscored Joe Mack (GB) ten. Fred Coranson decisioned Anthony Martin, ten. Junior welterweight. Dan M'Putu outscored Jim Montague, eight.

▲**VALANCE**—Junior welterweight. Charles Juriette beat Rudi Vogel, TKO7.

▲**CHARLEVILLE**—Heavyweight. Christian Poncelet outscored Kassango, eight.

▲**LE CANET ROCHEVILLE**—Welterweight. Jacques van Mellaerts outpointed Nicola Sassanelli, ten.

▲**PARIS**—French junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen beat Britain, Paul Shutt, KO7. After a fairly even battle Shutt was decked in round six. A right uppercut in the seventh hurt Shutt and another right had the Britain in further trouble. Shutt made his feet but was counted out.

▲**GRENOBLE**—Southpaw, Maurice Apiang, France, outscored Britain, Bingo Crooks, over ten rounds. Left hooks decked Crooks in rounds seven and nine.

▲**FOURNIES**—Bantamweight. Robert Huylebroeck, outscored Alain Marchand, six.

▲**PARIS**—Light heavy. Sylvain Watbled beat Rab Affleck, KO1. Welterweight. Claude Lancastre, beat Dragan Tadic, TKO2. Ronald Zenon beat Lucien Campo, TKO2.

▲**COMPIEGNE**—Robert Amory held on to his French light heavyweight title koing Gerald Bois in round twelve. Middle. Eric Kopec beat Francis Vermandere, TKO6. Featherweight. Laurent Grimbert decisioned George Lietar, six.

▲**ARGENTEUIL**—Junior welterweight. Christian Gracia decisioned Andre Comonin, six. Welterweight. Joel Moulin outscored Pierre Koenig, six.

▲**LOURCHES**—Featherweight. Jean Yvres Julien outscored Christian Valentin, six.

▲**PARIS**—French junior middleweight Gilbert Cohen beat Britain, Paul Shutt, KO7.

▲**LYON**—European featherweight champion, Robert Castanon, Spain, outscored Georges Cotin, France, in non title ten rounder. Reme Martin won the French junior lightweight title beating Roland Cazeaux, TKO9.

BELGIUM

▲**LIEGE**—Jean Pierre Coopman, Belgium, beat Alberto Lovell, Argentine, the towel being thrown in during round three. Lovell having not fought for nearly two years was booed out of the ring.

SPAIN

▲**BILBAO**—Adoni Amana, Spain, knocked out Joel Bonnetaz, France in four rounds. Fernando Sanchez, Spain, beat fellow Spaniard Jeronimo Lucas on points over eight rounds.

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RING 8

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AMEN (Americans Mobilized to End Narcotic Abuse), and he personally gives instruction on boxing to boys in his own club, many of whom have participated in the Golden Gloves Championships. The former champion visits schools, prisons, and hospitals. He's a welcomed guest speaker in colleges and universities, and is a very humane and generous personality, most deserving of the award.

Nat Loubet, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the Ring Publications was also honored. He is community minded and serves on the village board at Atlantic Beach, New York, the hometown of the family. He served with distinction in World War II, starting as a buck private and is a light colonel in the reserves. He is married to Joan for thirty-six years and they have three children, Jeff, Trudie, and Joanie. Although a member of many associations such as VBA, Ring 8 and the Boxing Writers, Nat is happier when with the children and as a Scoutmaster. He received the Silver Beaver Award for his exceptional service from the National Boy Scout Council of America. Mr. Loubet is a firm believer that boxing is one of the best activities that a young man can pursue, although worried at the "new look" being taught children with a "cream puff" approach. He believes that America became what it is through men of courage, good physical habits and sacrifice. The boxer, Nat Loubet says, is a prime example. Nat has given most of his life to boxing and now the veteran boxers of Ring 8 have given their official recognition.

Along with Patterson and Loubet, Al Reid, two-time president of VBA, Ring 8, a former featherweight contender who had the distinction of boxing six world champions, Mike Belloise, Petey Scalzo, Sal Bartolo, Kid Chocolate, Chalky Wright and Beau Jack, a veteran of over 100 pro bouts, among them many other foreign champions and Johnny DeFoe, the incoming president of Ring 8. Reid is a member of the New York State Athletic Commission and holds a judge's license. Al is married to Katherine, a well known Gymnastics and Dance teacher. Their son Spencer earned his degree as a Master in Economics at the University of Chicago and is currently an executive with the Chemed Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio. Daughter Francine is a Federal Relations Consultant and in a recent New York State elections, Francine lost narrowly for the New York Assembly. As a personal friend of the indomitable Al Reid, I know that it's men like him who are the backbone of the veteran boxers organizations and well deserving of the award he received. The final honoree is a hard working and extremely dedicated and charitable personality of Ring 8, Abe Berman became interested in the art of self defence and was lucky enough to have a next door neighbor professional boxer named Joe Glick, former lightweight champion of America and a challenger to Jack Kid Berg's world Jr. Welter title. Joe kindly trained Abe and had the gloves on with Solly Kreiger and Jimmy Rosania and became the hero of the local amateur boxers at Samerset Club, Amalgamted and others. He distinguished himself with service in the 13th Regiment of the New York State Guard, and while serving at Camp Smith became the boxing instructor and gave exhibitions. Married to Esther for 48 years, has two sons, Sid and Stuart, three grandchildren and although retired, Abe is an active Judge with the A.A.U. and is a director of several organizations. Abe is the recording secretary of VBA, Ring 8, has been the Dinner and Awards Chairman for several years.

In attendance at the dinner was Scoop Gallello, the president of the International VBA, also a group of Community Mayors of New York State, headed by Sam Taub, Ring writer and broadcaster and by chief mayor Hon. Dominick Della Rocca, K.M. The majority leader of the city council Hon. Thomas J. Cuite, Sam Markowitz, mayor of Boro Park, Hon. Anthony T. Vaccarello, commissioner of Sanitation, New York, Hon. Vincent D. Damiani, justice, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, State of New York, Ray Arcel, trainer of champions, Herbie Kronowitz, Tony Petez, Vinnie Rainone, Izzy Grove, Artie Levine, Harry Markinson (Kid Farlo) Mickey Katz, Lou Forman, Charlie Spina, Sammy Venti, president of World Boxing Historian's Association, Rose and Doctor Lewis, Commissioner Frank Morris, Sam Portney, contingents from VBA, Rings 9, 14, 101, 102, 21 and 30, Bernie Manhof of Philadelphia, Frankie Ryff and Matilda, Duke and Duchess (Julian and his wife), Solly Seeman and Rose, Ray Kozak of the NY State Commission, Group Captain Jerry Grieff, Jack Grebelsky, former middleweight contender, Founder and First President of Ring 8, an Inspector with the N.Y.S.A.C. now retired, must have felt very happy and satisfied as they surveyed the dais and the tremendous reponse to honor Floyd Patterson, Abe Berman, Al Reid and Nat Loubet. For myself, it was a wonderful moment—to be at the dinner and be part of history. . . .

LUJAN ICES

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ninth round. He landed good hard left jabs and followed up with right hands to the face of the Mexican.

Round ten Rubaldino looked tired. He never had gone over ten rounds in his career, and not many of his bouts even went that far.

The eleventh was the end. Lujan chased Roberto around the ring, landing at will. He forced him against the ropes and taged him with a good right-left-right combo which put Rubaldino on the deck for an eight-count. Roberto looked half dead and one of his seconds jumped into the ring, halting the bout. Rightly so!

The undercard had Baltimore's Ronnie McGarvey defend his so-called North American featherweight title against world rated Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas.

McGarvey, a shell of his old-self was killed in less than a round. Ayala came out smoking and decked Ronnie right off the bat. He beat the count, but was under the gun when the referee stopped the battle. McGarvey is just not a world class fighter and should think about calling it a career.

Ricky Gutierrez, San Antonio, featherweight, tried hard but was outclassed by Mexico's Ernest Herrera over ten hard-fought rounds. Herrera is in line for a shot at WBC featherweight king Danny Lopez.

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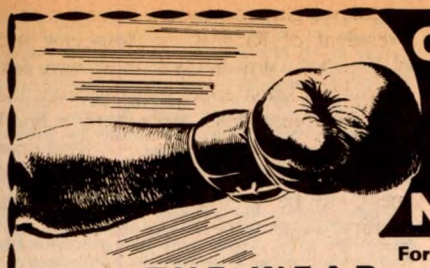

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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

There were not many significant contests in the Orient, including Japan, Philippines, Thailand and Korea. Only the last named country saw three title goes for the OPBF thrones.

Korea's OPBF middleweight champion Yuh Jae-Do successfully retained his leading position, as he whipped Filipino Alberto Cruz to win a unanimous decision in 12 heats in Pusan, Korea. On the same card, in the first 12-rounder, Oh Young-Ho kept his OPBF lightweight crown by taking a split but popular decision from Joe Lim, another Philippine fighter.

New OPBF junior flyweight champion was Kim Sung-Jun, who defeated reigning boss and fellow countryman, Chang Sang-Il by a split nod in 12 heats in Seoul, Korea.

In Thailand, fighting champ Saensak Muangsurin of the WBC junior welterweight class is preparing for his seventh defense against Francisco Moreno of Panama next month. Thai rising shope Sakad Porntavee who became No. 3 contender in the WBC super bantamweight division is to meet Puerto Rico's Wifredo Gomez for the latter's world laurels two months later. It will be Sakad's only third fight, as he whipped Mexico's Juan Antonio Lopez and kayoed Japan's Hisami Mizuno previously. He is said to fight just like ex-flyweight champ Chartchai Chionoi, displaying good balance and strong punching.

Though this reporter does not know whether Samuel Serrano will visit Manila, or Filipino Rey Tam, Orient junior lightweight champ, will go to San Juan, their meeting is reported to take place for Samuel's WBA crown in the 130-pound class. Japan witnessed only one JBC title competition, as Kazunori Tenryu got off the canvas from a third round knockdown to fight back, winning a majority decision from Puma Koya. The 10-round verdict means the short Nipponese' tenth defense of his 108-pound class title.

▲Yokohama, Japan 8 Upright local favorite Shuzo Yoshida, JBC top featherweight contender at 126, lopsidedly whipped Arman Bangoyan, former junior feather boss of the Philippines and half a pound heavier, all the way to be awarded a technical kayo win at the end of the eighth round due to the Filipino's bad bleeding of the left eyebrow. The card was presented by Kawai Promotion and was telecast by TV asahi in Tokyo district from Yokohama Cultural Gymnasium packed with some 3,000 fans.

The 25 year-old Yoshida, in his first appearance since a controversial 12-round decision to Hwang Bok-Soo last October, turned very aggressive from the second session on. Plenty of straight leater were thrown to Bangoyan's face to have Yoshida pile up points steadily. Bangoyan was too negative to trade solid blows, retreating and covering up repeatedly.

The Filipino newcomer tried to counterpunch the busy opponent, but Yoshida kept at long range to employ his favorite hit-and-run tactics continually. Arman's gash that opened in round seven made him look in no shape to go on in the next stanza. The TKO victory upped Yoshida's record to 24-10-2 with 14 knockouts. The prospect must improve his redundant footwork. A companion tenner was a real crowd pleaser. JBC No. 4 flyweight Nobuyuki Watanabe was annoyed by incessant punching of Daniel Solo Pedro, a native Argentine who had lived long in Australia to be rated second there, but scored a one-punch kayo in 0.57 of the sixth round. A very strong right was the haymaker. Daniel took the first and fifth rounds, while the second and fourth sessions were dominated by Watanabe.

Watanabe, 24, occasionally caught the bearded rival with jolting lefts, but Daniel fought back well with one-two-three combos at the face and body. Both tipped the beam at the 112-pound limit.

Up-and-coming lefty Keno Kashi, 7-1-2 (five by KO), battered another southpaw Shoichi Abe in mutually gory proceedings to win by a TKO at the end of the fourth round. The latter had to retire because of a gash over the left eyebrow. Each scaled in at 130 pounds. Kashi is a 22 year-old and is No. nine featherweight speedster.

Ex-Orient flyweight boss Jiro Takada and JBC middleweight leader Masashi Kudo engaged in a sparring session.

▲Osaka, Japan — A main event was fought by foreigners, though JBC Rule still forbids non-Japanese fighters competing to protect national ringmen's rights, bedause Kenyan loser Peter (Noble) Namboku belonged to a Japanese Club to be piloted by Kambayashi of Osaka. The winner, who banged Peter all the way to flatten him in the fourth round was Korean champ Kang Heung-Won, weighing at 161¾. Kang, a shorter but sturdy puncher, had dethroned Park Nam-Yong to acquire the national middleweight throne in Korea.

In his second showing in Japan, Kang seldom showed any positiveness only to study Peter's vaunted stinging lefts, which gave the first three sessions to the muscular African. As soon as the fourth canto commenced, Kang swarmed over Peter, 157½, to drop him on the deck chiefly due to Peter's unbalance. But the second and final knockdown was damaging enough to stretch Peter on the canvas, though the loser almost raised only his head. Despite his fat around the waist, Kang will be a dangerous opponent against Japanese middleweight topnotchers, if the Korean is well conditioned.

The first 10-rounder resulted in an upset dicision. JBC top welterweight contender Yohi Arai, 146½, dropped a unanimous decision to No. 9 man, Mitsuo Kushikino, 146 pounds, as the latter clearly dominated the last four rounds. JBC scoresheets seemed closer on points than the crowd of 3,300 witnessed.

Masaru Fuji, No. 6 flyweight from Tokyo scaling at 111¼, took the lead to unanimously defeat Yutaka Sat, 111½, in eight.

Antonio Taiho, a rising son of a Taiho Club honor, stopped Moriyasu Higaonna, ¾ pound lighter at 125, with two knockdowns in the fourth canto.

▲Tokyo, Korakuen Hall — The first card at the Hall was held unfortunately on the same night that an expected card of the Carlos Palomino vs. Japanese Ryu Sorimachi WBC welterweight title contest was televised via satellite from Hilton Pavilion, Las Vegas. However, a surprising 2,500 capacity customers were in attendance there. Maybe the fight fans were to gloomily watch Ryu flattened by Palomilo's left hook midway in round seven at any of the pubs, after they were entertained with a doubleheader of lighter prospects.

The 20year-old hope, Isao Okahaski, 126, entered the ring after a nine month layoff, but displayed his potential punching to dispose of Tatsunoshin Ishimi, at the same weight, in 2.30 of the seventh round. Okahashi, whom the reporter had regarded as one of the sharpest ringsters like the late Masao Ohba, looked a little ring rusty in the first half. Lefty Ishimi's barrage of punches took the fourth and fifth sessions by a clear margin. But Okahashi solved the shorter opponent's infighting strategy and counterpunched him with a vicious right uppercut to the button. Down he went. Then Ishimi stood up once to continue, but collapsed for the count due to Okahashi's wicked left hook. The young victor compiled 11 wins with 10 knockouts against four defeats and one draw.

Expected banty rated No. 7 by JBC, Kosei Anan was a former Shinjin-o (Novice king) winner just one year ago, and had risen fastest among other winners in respective classes. Anan defeated more experienced Shiro Hiromori by a unanimous decision in 10 heats. Each weighed in at 120 pounds.

▲Tokyo, Korakuen Hall — Featherweight champ Spider (Shigemitsu) Nemoto was a typical body puncher standing at 5-ft 1, whose height had been a big nuisance for his opponents rather than a bad handicap to himself. Though lacking convincing power as his 26-6 with only five kayos showed, Nemoto was a type to wear him out with his resistless punching. This night Spider's victim was lefty hope Hirobumi Mochizuki, 128½, whom the former halted in 1.42 of the eighth round.Mochizuki, JBC No. 5 junior lightweight piloted by Akihiko Honda and having scored 14 wins (12 by kayo) against 7 recent defeats, was fully annoyed, as expected, by Spider's web of intrigue, that is, a mix-up at the very close range. After taking the third and fourth rounds, Spider gave the southpaw a bad body bombardment which lasted almost three full minutes in round five.

Though Mochizuki occasionally used his feet to avert his rival's continual rally, he was often nailed against the ropes, moreover received a cut over the left eyebrow. No sooner had Mochizuki regained his feet from a knockdown due to his rival's dozens of punches than Nemoto, sometimes called a powder puff guy, rushed all out to score with a good right, dropping him again for the ten.

1,200 customers must have gathered there to view sensational ex-amateur champ Yukio Segawa's second performance as a pro. Segawa, former Olympian, had decked his pro debut via a first round kayo of Yoshio Tane two months ago at the same Hall. Shorter but sharper Segawa, 125, was impressivley awarded a TKO over Hajime Momozaki, 124 pounds and from Kyushu, in 1.26 of the third round, after he floored the trial horse flat on his face in round two. Southpaw Segawa went all out for a kayo then, but Momozaki, three years his senior at 26, barely had a narrow escape. Hope Segawa had better master how to avoid his opponent's short punches at the close range.

Ex-Shinjin-o winner and now JBC No. eight 112-pounder, Bazooka (Odajima) Shoji decisively won from Yoshiaki Shiomi in 8 rather monotonous rounds. The action-packed card was presented by Teiken Promotion with the aid of Fuji Television.

▲Osaka, Japan — It is very great fun for the reporter to watch the annual final between Eastern vs. Western winners of All Japan Shinjin-o tournaments in all classes. JBC admits each All Japan victor in each division to be entered at the end of the national rating for opportunities to meet top notchers. The tournaments might have geen one of the secrets that Japan produced so many main eventers in such short years. Yes, if a fighter who passes this Gate of Rookie, is really talented, he has a chance to become a champ within 20 contests, as Wajima and Kudo successfully did.

However, an ambitious but immature fighter sometimes is overmatched against veterans and badly beaten due to his lack of fundamental skills.

Last year the Eastern team consisting of fighters in Tokyo and Yokohama district made a sweep in winning all ten-class finals to show the superiority to the Western team of Osaka, Yamaguchi and Kyushu areas.

Every other year the very popular finals of the Tournaments takes place either in Tokyo or in Osaka, alternatively.

In the latter city, we saw a very unexpected result, as the Western winners won in five classes, while only five divisions were dominated by the Eastern guys. Is this a phenomenon of Descentralization at our Fighting?

Among 4,500 witnesses, which might not attend a 10-round common card, the reporter viewed plenty of good interesting contests by hot youngsters at the very cold Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium.

The results were as follows (E) and (w) stand for Eastern and Western winners respectively. Junior flyweight: Busy Masaharu Inami (E), 107¾ and nicknamed Second Gushiken, dropped Kunio Inayoshi (W), 107, to win a shutout decision in six; Flyweight: Prohibitive favorite and Best Shinjin-o victor of the Eastern finals last December, Masami Sekiyama, 111¾, was outlegged and outclassed by Shinji Suga (W), ¼ pound lighter and 19 years of age, to lose a six round decision. Shinji, (W), younger brother of JBC ranker Yoshiharu, upped his record to 9-0-4 (3 by KO). Bantamweight: Tall bantie at 5-ft 8, Kazuhito Eikura (E), 26 and 117¼ pounds, displayed his vaunted power in polishing off Keiichi Manabe (W), 118, with knockdowns in the fourth round. Eikura's record is now 11-2 with 6 KOs. Junior Featherweight: Rugged Satoru Hirata (E, 120, downed southpaw Taka Hayashi (W), also at 120, in the second round, but was often outpunched by the taller and younger rival, winning a hairline majority duke in six.

Featherweight: Slick-punching Yoshinori Natsuyama (W) of Osaka, ex-Univ. ringster who had registered 24 hayos in 25 wins as an amateur, showed his superior power in demolishing Hidekichi Horihata (E), a quarter pound heavier than the winner's 125½. in 37 seconds of the second round. Natsuyma scored four knockdowns in such a quick stoppage. The 22 year-old hope, no 4-0 with three kayos, was named Best Shinjin-o of the Year without objection.

Junior Lightweight: Clever and fast Keizo (W) of Nagoya, 18 and at 129¾, easily outpunched Kazuaki Hamada (E), 129½ and of the same age, dropping him with a well-timed left in the first canto to cop a lopsided nod in six.

Lightweight: Another quick finish was seen in Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki (E), 133½, stopping Katsuhiro Baba (W), 134¼, midway in the second round. Tsunehiro, 18, was a former Kendo (Japanese fencing) pupil now with 5-1 with 3 KOs.

Junior Welterweight: Fumihisa Takashima, 20 and at 140 pounds, had to fight the 7th round with Fumio Ota (E), 138¼, because the official verdict was a draw after their 6-round brawl. The former barely took the unscheduled additional session to become the Shinjin-o winner.

Welterweight: Kazumi Nakao (W), a sturdy bull fighter at 146¾, downed Takeshi Igarashi (E), 145¼, in the fourth round to outpower the latter to a unanimous decision in six.

Middleweight: In free swinging 6-rounds, Kazuo Goshima (E), 157¾, decked Eiji Tanaka (W), 158¾, with a very roundhouse right at the temple in the second round, but failed to finish him and had to be satisfied with a unanimous decision.

Truly the finalists were young, fresh and promising, but the reporter wishes active matchmakers not to misjudge real powers of the still green youngsters and not to force them to enter so called 'mismatches.'

▲Tokyo, Korakuen Hall — Very short but speedy ringman Kazunori Tenryu, standing at 4-ft 9 only, survived a third-round knockdown and barely kept his JBC junior flyweight title by winning a majority decision from Puma Koya, half a pound heavier at the 108-pound limit, in 10 hard-fought rounds. 1,700 customers gathered there to see Tenyu's tenth consecutive defense since he had seized the then newly established title of the JBC via a decision route in an eliminator with Watanabe in 1975.

Ref Shimakawa tabbed 49-47 and judge Tezaki had it 49-46, both for Tenryu, but another judge Yoshida gave his vote 47-47 to both. It was their fourth meeting, as Tenryu once kayoed Puma in a nontitle go and decisioned him twice with his title at stake in previous years.

The crowd suddenly stood on its feet, when Tenryu, his opponent's four years senior at 27 but a heavy favorite, hit the deck near his own corner from a well-timed long right of Puma midway in the third session. Tenryu, a twinke eyed kid, found Puma was not what the latter used to be. He had studied the champ's busy hitting and moving style well.

From the fourth to the seventh rounds were dominated by the determined Tenryu, who turned positive and aggressive all the way, tossing various combos at Puma's face. Had Puma been able to utilize his longer reach by outjabbing Tenryu to prevent him from boring in so continually, the tide might have been turned differently. However the challenger, except in the scrappy eighth round, remained too cautious to overcome the deficit on points.

Tenryu's loose guard, the reporter saw, might be a good target for a game and hard-hitting rival like Shigeo Nakajima, who had stopped the champ in a non title card last year.

In a companion tenner, we were disappointed in Noboru Hatakeyama's unanimous nod from Harbar Watanabe, No. 9 junior welterweight, in a monotonous and dull contest. It was an overweight go for JB C champ Hatakeyama, but he wast not like the same fighter who had dethroned hitherto unmatched Tetsuo Furayama, last October.

Hatakeyama, 14-2-1 with four kayos, often chased the short haired guy with solid body punches to take four rounds from the second canto. However, his follow up was not sufficient to hurt the underdog much. In round eight, we witnessed the champ bleeding from the nose profusely after a reckless mix-up without his usual left leads. Though Hatakeyama was again in command in the last two sessions, his performance looked far from his best form. Both tipped the beam at 141 pounds. JBC scoresheets were 49-45, and dual 49-46.

TOPICS — It was rare, even in Japan which had loved staging world title contests between too strong champions vs. our common challengers, that we viewed five WBA and WBC title goes in only 31 days. But our promoters seem to have gained some good profits due to the help of TV companies.

The percentage of TV watchers who saw the respective world title competitions has been revealed after Videoresearch in Tokyo district. Guty Espadas vs. Furesawa WBA flyweight card scored 6.% only, Miguel Canto vs. Oguma 30.3%, Wilfredo Gomez vs. Kobayashi WBC super bantamweight go 17.3%, Yoko Gushiken vs. Vargas WBA junior flyweight game 38.1%, and Hong Soo-Hwan vs. Kasahara 26%. The reporter suggests TV watchers to come to Korakuen Hall, where there have been better cards sometimes without being telecast nationwide. . . The Japan Boxing Association (JBA, not JBC) of all the licensed Club honors, promoters and managers elected Mitoshi Misako president again this year. Out of five vice presidents were Masaki Kanehira and Kenji Yonekura. All of the three were champion producers, who has been trainer-manager-promoters here in Japan. Beyond discussing the validity of their triple functions, it can be said without doubt that they truly love Fighting.

▲Bangkok, Rajadamnern Stadium — THAILAND action No. 3 flyweight of TBC (Thailand Boxing Commission), Pornchai Sakdiphotong, 114 pounds, proved too much for Chairith Petkasem, 115, winning a TKO in the third round.

Rerngnoi Sithjular, No. two 112-pounder, scored a quick knockout of Luklern Singchaepherng, one pound heavier at 114, in no more than two rounds.

Despite the usual weight difference, Wonchainoi Sithvattai, No. 4 junior flyweight at 110 pounds, won a unanimous decision from Matuphum Siththumrong, a rated flyweight at 113, in ten.

Bantam champ Somkiat Sukothai, 119, engaged in a non-title contest and defeated Alibaba Lukklongton, No. three contender at 120, via a unanimous nod in ten. This card was promoted by Nivatt Laosuvanvatt. Dedkad Kiatbunyong, TBC No. 4 junior featherweight at 124, dropped Srinil Sithjular, 125, to stop him in the third round. Top 122-pounder Morkasakdi Muangsurin, 124 pounds showed Sanpol Prnpianu, 126, was no match for him, finishing the latter in round three.

▲Bangkok, Lumpini Stadium — Garavak Petcharerng, 110 pounds, won an upset duke from Ravee Sithchangsee, also 110, in 10 unanimous rounds. It was promoted by Col. Chai Diadeth.

Flyweight No. 3 Grianggai Yingsakdi, 114, scored a unanimous decision from unrated Dawnmai Sayarnynaha, 115, in ten.

TBC top contender in the junior welterweight class, Kiatsayarm Jokker, 142, easily knocked out Gailae Loreharernchai, 145 pounds, in the second round.

Action in Korea may be very important on the Orient fistic

map, because the country boasts of seven current OPBV (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) champions. There Boxing has become the most loved sport seemingly.

▲**Pusan, Korea** — A double header was fought with the respective OPBF championship possessed by a Korean outstanding guy. It resulted in the current champ's triumph each. Middleweight leader Yuh Jae-Do stretched his defense record to amazing 20, as he outscored Alberto Cruz, Philippines, in 12 unanimous rounds.

Sometimes Yuh, a sturdy titlist, almost toppled the Filipino challenger with his specialty, a solid right shot, but could not follow up for a kayo.

Having realized Yuh's superior power punching, Alberto tried to use his footwork as much as possible in later rounds. As the contest progressed, though the result became obvious, Yuh had to pay greater efforts even to catch the elusive and negative opponent.

In another 12-rounder, Oh Young-Ho also kept his OPBF lightweight crown via a split duke from Joe Lim, a top contender of the Philippines, for the fifth time. Reportedly one vote by a Filipino judge for the loser Lim was vastly castigated by the crowd there, because Oh repeatedly chased the Filipino with his powerful two-fisted attack, often nailing him against the ropes.

JOE BAKSI

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But the fighter was explicit. J.P. Abramson of the *Herald Tribune* here quoted him as "declining to meet Louis in June or in September or any time this year." All Baksi wanted to do was "take his purse of $21-6,393 and go to Czechoslovakia for a long-planned vacation." He was of Slovak blood and had some long-lost relatives in that country.

Eventually, Louis was to fight Walcott. The nature of the fight, an unpopular fifteen-round decision for Louis in which he was knocked down twice, plainly proved how wrong Baksi had been. Joe was 33 and had lost 50 per cent of his effectiveness. He was on the slide, but Baksi enjoyed the trip to Czechoslovakia, it was presumed.

In subsequent years this writer tried fruitlessly to learn what had taken place in London. Baksi knew he had pulled a boo-boo and had tossed away a million dollars but never voiced the true story. American fight writers, including myself, felt his strength at that moment might have knocked Louis out.

Remember, he had excellent credentials. In this country he had floored Tami Mauriello as a 11-5 favorite and went on to a unanimous 10-round decision at the old Garden on Feb. 25, 1944. In May of the same year at the Garden he outclassed Lee Savold, a classy veteran, in 12 rounds. He did a job on Bernie Reynolds, put him out in seven rounds, and polished off Gino Buonvino in 54 seconds of the first round.

But the London mystery persists . . . Wolfson and Wallman, an odd couple who bickered endlessly, did they block the Louis match? Neither ever said the other was responsible. Nor did Baksi ever blame them . . . His wife, Anne, was on the trip and desirous of visiting Czechoslovakia, but she never intimated that she was opposed to Louis.

I was friendly with Leo Feureisen, a IRS man who always had a piece of Baksi's contract. (Leo was to tragically drop dead while working in the corner of a Baksi bout at Eastern Parkway Arena.) He also never criticized the decision not to fight Louis.

And now Joe Baksi, a rather bright person, says it all by his silence forever more. The riddle of what he would have done against Joe Louis remains that.

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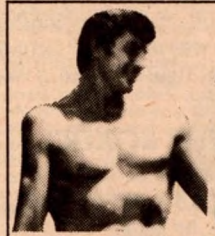

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GEORGE BENTON

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"Any beating you take when you're a seasoned fighter takes its toll, and with Ali, it has been five or six beatings. Ali hasn't won too many fights in the last couple of years, but he has won a lot of decisions."

Benton wouldn't say exactly why he left the Spinks camp, but he did say, enigmatically, "I removed myself. I didn't want to be a part of anybody's confusion."

But looking back on the championship fight, Benton said, "It was a thrill." Getting Spinks ready for the Ali fight, he said, "We did the thing to perfection."

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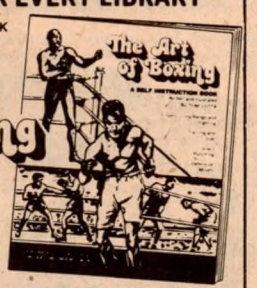

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WBC has Carlos Zarate of Mexico as their champion. Zarate is *The Ring's* number one contender.

Miguel Canto of Mexico is *The Ring* flyweight champion and also gets the blessing of the WBC. *The Ring's* number one contender is the WBA champion, Guty Espadas of Mexico.

One of the big problems that accelerates rather than retards the game of "switchie" being played by both the WBA and the WBC is the power being utilized by the television networks, who are more than happy to take on any fight that is "blessed" by either the WBA or the WBC so that they can tell the public and the advertisers that the fight being put on is a championship fight. As long as television is the "big money" in boxing and as long as there is no official curtailment of their pressures on promoters and the commissions attempting to run boxing, so long will the public be the loser and the crazy mixed-up pattern of champions being supplied by expediency rather than by universal recognition of champions who win and lose their titles in the ring.

THE MARCH OF THE TIN SOLDIERS

By CHARLES D. BROWN

BROOKLYN, N.Y.C.—When the announcer said that "these bouts" are sanctioned by the New York State Athletic Commission", he should have added "On one of their less sober nights" Not that the second of the new monthly cards at Roll-A-Rama, Brooklyn, was an entire fistic disaster, but only one of the eight fights came off as advertised on the program. And of the long line of substitutes that were led to the slaughter tonight, very few of them showed any talent for being near—much less in—a boxing ring. The capacity crowd of some 400 or so didn't mind—the local Brooklyn boys were winning their fights in a breeze and that's all that mattered to the mostly local, residential crowd. But letting cards like this become a habit can be bad in the long run—except for those who collect the hospital bills, of course.

Nominal star of the eight-bout mishmash was former world junior lightweight contender Domenico Monaco (131, Brooklyn), trying to climb back into the high slot that Howard Davis recently dropped him out of. Monaco disposed of late sub Joey C. Smith (135, Philadelphia) at 1:09 of the second round. Forgive me, but with a name like that, you can't help thinking if it is his real one. Smith at least made a fight of it, slamming in a few shots to the experienced Monaco's head before a short right to the jaw dispatched him at just about the time he was expected to be dispatched. Monaco must have needed the money or the exercise.

The main semi-final was a heavyweight "match". Guy (Rocky) Casale (200, Brooklyn) clumsy local idol with a facial resemblance that needs no introduction, was able to look like a highly efficient destroyer against inept Terry Kidd (220, Teaneck, N.J.). Kidd's main qualification was that he had been creamed in 29 seconds by hot prospect Gerry Cooney a month earlier. Casale took longer—one minute and nineteen seconds. Kidd did land a hard combo to the head to open hostilities, but went to pieces when Casale dug a left hook deep into his groceries. Some short left hooks to the head, and Casale was a KO-1 winner over the Fat Flea. Another heavyweight match ended in a similar fashion. Mike Tarasawich (184½, Brooklyn) scored a one-round kayo over Tom Healy (202½, NYC) at 1:53. Tarasawich had smelled out the arena last month winning a disputed decision from Richard Roy. Tonight, he underwent a delightful Jekyll-Hyde change and became a killer. Three rights to the head had Healy's nose gushing like a whale might. Two lefts to the head took all the fight out of Healy, who collapsed, probably from loss of blood. It was like a Spanish bullfight and the bout got the hottest cheers of the night. Tarasawich is now 3-1.

A third heavyweight match also had a one-round finisher. It was Ringling Brothers versus Clyde Beatty. Meet Conrad Tooker (182, New Jersey), looking like an overstuffed jelly roll, wearing his trunks pulled up ridiculously high. Now meet John Hannery (180, Newark), a stringbean with a full beard that makes him either an Aborigine or a cough drop advertisement. Somebody has to win, even in fights like this one. That turned out to be Tooker, who decked hapless Hannery twice within 51 seconds and finished him off with a leaping right to the face, that, while powerful, was strictlyl amateur night.

The comedy continued with a four-round middleweight bout between Dennis Taglianetti (155, Brooklyn) and Rocky Cosmo (155, Brooklyn). First of all, if Cosmo was truly his advertised weight, then he was weighed with one leg off the ground. Second of all, it was all concentrated in one place, and I don't mean the index finger. Cosmo did have some gameness, and the chubby old clown managed to withstand a lot of good punches and stick around for the advertised four rounds. Taglianetti got the decision by a mile. Now Cosmo can go back to work at the turkey stuffing factory. The crowd, in all fairness, found him entertaining.

Three other fights kept things from becoming too burlesquey. In a sixer, Louis Hubela (136¼, Brooklyn) won a unanimous decision over Danny Daniels (136, Newark), despite an occasional fit inspired by Daniels' backpedaling defensive style. Hubela staggered Daniels a few times, but Daniels was always moving away from thepunch; and he had a sizeable reach advantage. Luckily for Hubela, he is disinclined to hit his opponent, preferring to skillfully avoid him.

Angel Perales (155, NYC) won a four-round decision over Larry Allen (160, Passaic, N.J.), in an exciting fight. Perales is just another hammer-egger, but he was in especially good form tonight. After a bad first round where Allen let him have everything good form tonight. After a bad first round where Allen let him have everything but the kitchen faucet, Perales "floated like a butterfly", so to speak, from then on. A solid right cross almost decked Allen in the third and that sewed up things for Angel. Allen was a tiger on the ropes but nothing in ring centre. As I said, the crowd didn't mind the stiffs because all the local favorites were winning. Well, almost all. One Ray Ramon (135, NYC) tossed a mild shock into things when he TKO'd rugged clubbie Marcos Larios at 53 seconds of the third round. Ramon didn't look to be a match for the muscular Larios, but it soon became obvious that he was a proficient hooker with both hands. Larios got careless after a big second round (Larios had been floored in the first, but most everybody saw it as a slip). The third round was no slip. Ramon dropped a righthand bomb to the jaw that stretched Larios like a polar bear rug. He beat the count but was obviously lost. So it was halted. Although Larios has been stopped before, it is no easy feat to do so.

ESTABA LOSES TO CASTILLO

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He scored wins over Antonio Avelar, Juan Jose Guzman, Pedro Flores, Aureliano Sanchez, and Wilbert Canche. His first defense will be against Thailand's Nertnoi Vorasinghi and then he will give Estaba a return.

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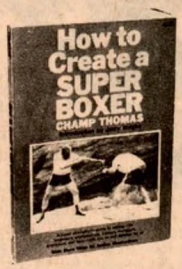

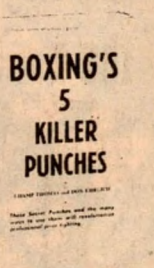

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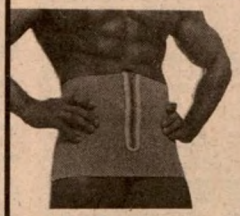

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FREEMAN OUTSCORES ROIS; HEAIR KAYOES MORGAN

By JOEL LIPSITT

HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN.—Stylish fast stepping Memphian featherweight favorite Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, now ranked fourteenth in the U.S. Ring Ratings, is ready for world class competition and recognition.

A buzzing partisan crowd of about 1,900 had expected to see their idol battle James Martinez, Odessa, Texas, ranked fifth in the U.S. Ring Ratings in the 10 round feature stellar presentation. But Martinez, withdrew at the last moment due to sudden illness and resourceful matchmaker, Red Fortner, had to scramble for a last minute substitute. Martinez is bound by contract and will soon have to fight Freeman.

Red came up with a virtually unknown Mexican import, Vital Rois, from Terron, Mexico, who, unofficially, was said to have had a good record and even gone the distance with the Mexican featherweight king.

Rois might have been a substitute, but he wasn't second string as there was nothing second rate about the Mexican's performance. He was more like a "sleeper,' for he gave Freeman ten tough rounds before losing by a unanimous 98-94 decision.

Freeman opened up as if he would quickly put away Rois. The local darling floored Rois with a solid overhand right midway in the 1st canto for an 8 count, but that seemed to fire up Rois, who came back to win the 3rd stanza rather decisively with a barrage of blows to Freeman's head.

However, Freeman, noted for his composure and utter coolness under fire immediately retaliated by scoring effectively with rapid combinations to the body and head which slowed Rois down.

As the fight progressed, the dogged Rois, at a solid 129, continued to plod in, determined to make a good fight of it. Rois surprisingly showed plenty of ring savy, but Freeman managed to dominate and dictate the late rounds thus coping a well deserved nod in upping his lifetime record to 20-1; this win being his ninth in a row.

In the eigth round lightheavyweight semigo, cagey ex-Memphian "Poison" Ivy Brown, 181, now fighting out of Kansas City, Mo., quickly got up off the deck in the 2nd after being nailed by a solid left hook, and turned spoiler as he burst the brief victory bubble of another local favorite, Roberto Rocket, 176, Memphis, Tenn., by soundly trouncing him via a decisive unanimous decision. Rocket for the first time was given his severest test to date. Brown displayed a quick and accurate jab which cut Rocket between the eyes and bloodied his nose as early as the fourth round. From then on Brown controlled the tempo of the brawl, at times playing possum and then storming back to hurt and stagger Rocket with solid left right combinations. To Rocket's credit, who saw his record slip to 5-1-1, he never stopped trying to catch the elusive and smooth moving Brown. At the end, Rocket, his face now a bloody pulp, graciously acknowledged the boxing lesson he received from his adversary. The bout drew a standing ovation.

In a six-round featherweight clash, former popular local Golden Glove star, Earl Wilson, 127, Memphis, Tenn., returned to action after a brief four-month lay off and scored an unimpressive ko win over a very inept Joe De La Rocha, 129, Odessa, Texas, at 2:12 of the fifth round. Referee James Kidd cautioned De La Rocha on numerous occasions for the continued use of his head, but the Mexican seemed annoyed and often gestured sympathetically to a crowd which just didn't appreciate his lack of talent. In the fifth round, De La Rocha apparently no longer had the taste to fight and meekly succumbed to the canvas from a right to the body in a sitting position while alertly listening to referee Kidd toll the final count. At the end, De La Rocha, vigorously jumped up and ran to his corner. In the meantine, Wilson, disgustedly strolled to his corner realizing he did not have the competition he needed to sharpen his skills.

In a four-round mauling affair, heavyweight visitor, Alvin Dominic, 186, Oddessa, Tex., hustled his way to a split decision win over local trial horse, James Dixon, 188, Memphis, Tenn. Dominic, however possessed with limited skills, at least tried to make a fight of it, while, as usual, Dixon continues to train only for a two-round event, which the commissioner is yet to sanction.

▲GREENVILLE, MISS.—About 2,000 showed up for the second pro card ever held at the new Greenville Athletic Club as once again likeable promoter Murry Roark didn't disappoint the vocal crowd. The world's eigth ranked junior welterweight contender, currently recognized as the Southern Junior Welterweight Champion, slick punching Jimmy Heair, 142, Memphis, Tenn., continued on his sensation winning streak as he scored his thirteenth win in a row, his last twelve ko, by knocking out rugged John "Wolf" Morgan, 141½, Dallas, Texas, at 1:17 of the third round of the scheduled ten-round feature.

Heair decked Morgan five times, twice in the second and thrice in the third, but he wasn't sure if his first four punches should have done so. However, Heair was sure about the fifth time he sent Morgan to the canvas. The stunning blow was a lightening left hook to the liver.

"I don't know about the other times he went down," said Heair, but that hook to the body would have dropped anybody in my weight. He surprised me, though, he's a good fighter. He banged me a couple of good shots in the first round and cut me inside the mouth."

"After the 1st round it seems his punches lost authority," said Heair, who beleives he will get a shot at the title this year. The win put the 25-year-old Heair's lifetime record at 68-12-1.

In the eigth round heavyweight semifinal, 6'3" Larry Alexander, 218, Greenville, Miss., upped his record to 4-2-1 and proved one thing he has a ko punch. He never gave Roberto Reynosa, 188, San Antonio, Texas, much of a chance. After setting Reynosa with a short left lead, a quick poleaxing overhand right to Reynosa's chin at 2:25 of the initial round exited the Mexican heavy for the evening. Alexander is hoping to get a fight with Olympic semifinalist "Big" John Tate later this year.

In a four-round heavyweight tussle, former Southern AAU Champion,James Dixon, 190, Memphis, Tenn., decisioned gamester Don Martin, 228, Southaven, Miss. The fight was close but Dixon got in more hefty licks.

In a four-round middleweight contest, sleek fast punching Franklin Otts, 165, Cleveland, Miss., who is managed by the very capable Henry Moscow, won his first pro fight over a very unruly Robert Thomas, 161, Memphis, Tenn. Otts had bested, Thomas for three and a half rounds before ref Clyde Weeks stopped it in the fourth because of the continued verbal static from Thomas. Thomas would not listen to Weeks' instructions and said to Weeks, "I will hit you." In the earlier rounds, Otts punished Thomas with effective body shots, visibly hurting Thomas.

A pleasant surprise was to see Local Golden Glove sensation, welterweight Rocky McCollum, 146½, Greenville, Miss., battling tough and experienced Ronnie Ford, 147, Little Rock, Ark., in the four-round curtain raiser of the evening. The 20-year-old McCollum. "He said the guy that Ford was to fight, Verdull Culp of Memphis got sick.

"I was scared," admitted McCollum who made his pro debut a success with a decision win. "He hit me in the chest in the 1st and hurt me," said McCollum who also took a few other good shots from Ford. But, McCollum hurt Ford a few times with nifty well executed left hooks which often found their mark on Ford's chin. McCollum gave an excellent account of himself in a close battle that could have gone either way.

SULLIVAN BEATS HOWARD IN LAS VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

It was the swan song for Elmer Boyce, the Missoula, Montana promoter, who has master-minded the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week for several months.

And Boyce gave Las Vegas fans something to remember him by, as he presented, for his farewell offering, the most exciting fight card seen at the Slipper since the death of Bill Miller nearly two years ago.

The main event featured blockbuster action between middleweights John L. Sullivan of Portland, Oregon and Clarence Howard of Mesa, Arizona.

Both men fought their hearts out—each landing constant, solid punches to his opponent's head, jaw and body.

However, the Irishman managed to score more, if not better punches; and emerged with a unanimous decision.

The crowd of 274 cheered and applauded, showing its appreciation for the best Strip Fight action in many months.

Another well-matched bout pitted Steve Bentley, 160, of Long Beach, Calif. against Steve Moyer, 159 of Portland, Oregon. Moyer is the $9-year old nephew of former middleweight contender, Denny Moyer.

Bentley showed surprising skills for a youngster fighting only his second bout. He provided some added showmanship when he dropped to one knee in the sixth round—then swooped up to throw a solid uppercut at Moyer. Both fighters relied on rights to the jaw; and their similar styles and abilities dictated the fight result: A draw.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Kenny Camel, the 166 lb. Indian Kid from Missoula, Montana, bit the dust in the first round. Camel was knocked to the canvas twice in the round by Rico Dineros, 159, of Vera Cruz, Mexico. Referee Joey Giambra stopped the fight at 2:44.

Opening bout of the exciting card saw antoher first round knockout, as David Gilmore, 190, of Las Vegas, hit the canvas after a jolt to the jaw by opponent D.J. Jones, 195, of Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Gilmore staggered to his feet in a feeble attempt to beat the count but referee Buddy Basilico halted the fight at 2:23.

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HOLMES UPSETS

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Holmes frustrated Earnie this round, landing lefts and rights as Earnie chased.

Shavers was tagged again at the end of the seventh with a left hook to the head, which hurt him. Larry then batted him with eight or so right hands to the head. Shavers was saved by the bell.

The next three rounds were all for Holmes, he boxed like a young Muhammad Ali, as Shaver's age caught up to him. Earnie looked like a 100-year-old-dog catcher, throwing wild-right hands at where Holmes was and than was not.

Earnie gave it his final shot in the twelefth round. He caught Larry with a hard right hand early that shook Holmes up. If he had landed it in one of the ealier rounds, it might have turned the fight around or ended it. But at this point, there was no steam left in the old man. The "Reindeer" got on his toes and, again, got out of trouble. By the end of the round, Earnie was under a heavy two-handed attack which almost put him on the deck. He was saved by the final bell.

The scoring of the bout, refereed by David Pearl, who doesn't score in Neveda, was as follows: Judge Harold Buck and Joe Swessel both had it 120-108, while Judge Dave Moretti called it 119-109, all for Holmes.

A funny side-light to the bout was, that the only time Holmes was in trouble, round two,he split his trunks. He put a new pair on between the fourth and fifth rounds.

Shavers was paid $275,000, while Holmes' end came to $100,000. Some 3000 fans were in attendanced.

Larry stated after the bout, "I just fought the toughest man I've ever fought." He went on, "He hits harder than Norton. Now I feel like a champion. Shavers nailed me, but I'm a man. He does punch hard, but I can take a good shot. But that dude takes some punches, don't he?"

Over in Shavers dressing room, Earnie said, "Larry won the fight. It just wasn't my day. I tensed up a little. I was trying too hard."

On the undercard, WBC junior lightweight king Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, kayoed an outgunned and outclassed boxer by the name of Mario Mendez in two minutes of the third round, of a non-title contest. Arguello was tuning-up for what he hopes will be a bout against world lightweight king Roberto Duran this summer in Panama.

The opening bout saw heavyweight Mike Dokes, Akron, Ohio, remained undefeated with an eight-round nod over Los Angeles Abdul Kahn. Dokes is a former national AAU heavyweight king.

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WESTON FALLS

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buckled the challenger's knees and sent him spinning into the corner cushion.

In the second round, a right to the chin from close range came within inches of flooring Weston, who straightened and somehow survived the round.

"In the first two rounds I tried to knock him out," said Cuevas, who scored his sixth straight KO and 22 overall (27-5 now). "I tried for two rounds, then settled down to a normal pace and tried to work on him. I realized I wasn't going to knock him out right away."

Weston, a superior boxer, won the third round clearly, but his punches were popgun shots compared to the champion's blows.

The fourth, fifth and sixth rounds were close as both worked head-to-head, digging to the body and chin. Weston rubbed his eyes repeatedly in the fifth as if he were having difficulty seeing, but the problem apparently was resolved later. However, a swelling around his left eye became progressively worse and by the seventh it was puffy.

Cuevas, 146¼, said he thought Weston's jaw had been broken in the seventh by one of his vicious left hooks. If so, the damage was not obvious.

Weston had his best round in the eighth, when Cuevas said his manager had told him to pretend he was hurt. Weston was especially effective in that round with rights to the head.

"He never hurt me but he was a very tough fighter," Cuevas said. "My last two fights were the toughest I've had."

Weston absorbed a dreadful beating in the ninth. Cuevas threw his entire arsenal at his opponent, but couldn't put him on the canvas. For almost three minutes, Weston stumbled around the ring, trying desperately to avoid further punishment.

Fans were screaming "Me-he-co" with every punch. Cuevas resembled a proud matador about to make his final thrust, but he was deprived of that "honor." Weston seemingly had won some respect from the crowd by finishing on his feet.

Denkin had Cuevas in front after nine rounds, 88-83, and judges Carlos Berrocal (88-83) of Panama and Marco Rodriguez (89-86) of Mexico also favored the champion. The Times had it 87-81, Cuevas.

More thunderous cheering greeted Rafael (Bazooka) Limon's 10th round knockout of Ernest Bing for the vacant junior lightweight title following the main event.

Other results: Marcos Geraldo, 158½, Mexico City, stopped Renato Garcia, 161, Santiago, Chile, (9); Jose Palacios, 146½, Mexico City, won a decision over Ray Davis, 146½, Philadelphia, (10); Francisco Ponce, 121, Los Angeles, won a decision over Jose Resediz, 122, Los Angeles, (4).

The gate was $162,360.

ACEVES STOPS VASQUEZ, MENDOZA TKO'S HERNANDEZ

By JIM P. NOLAND

San Antonio—San Antonians Robert Vaxquez and Roy Hernandez both fell under the hammer of technical knockouts to world contenders Gerardo Aceves and Carlos Mendoza, respectively, in their double main event.

Vasquez, 131, looked like he was boxing his way to an upset as he pounded right after right into the face of the youngster from Mexico City. The wind started blowing in the opposite direction at the start of the fourth when Vasquez reverted to slugging with a slugger and paid the bill as he was hurt by hooks and uppercuts.

The Alamo City fighter rallied well in rounds five and six, but thereafter was whacked to the canvas three times before the ref decided to end it in the ninth.

Sharpshooting Carlos Mendoza, 120¾, shot down a determined Roy Hernandez in the sixth round. Mendoza, who was born in Panama, decked Hernandez once in the third and again in the sixth. Hernandez gamely arose, but referee Leonard Zuniga ruled that the hometown product had had his day in court.

In the prelims: bantam Rafael Duran, San Antonio, won in six against Calvin Sheppard, Beaumont; heavyweight Victor Rodriguez, San Antonio, TKO'd Vernon Johnson, Beaumont, in three; lightweight Sonny Perez, San Antonio, TKO'd Glen Mitchell, Beaumont, in one.

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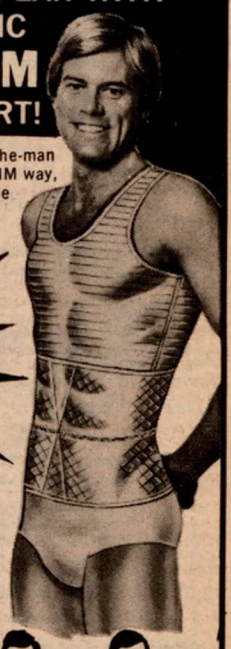

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ZARATE vs. DAVILA

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Davila, at a reach disadvantage against the rail-thin, 5'7" Zarate, pressed forward in the second as the champion backtracked. Davila connected with a good right to the head seconds before the bell.

In the third, Zarate was warned by referee Henry Elespuro for hitting low, then repeated another shot below the belt. And, in the fourth round, the champion again drew a warning for a low blow, but no points were deducted from his total. Later, in the dressing room, Zarate said he had apologized.

The champion connected with several sharp left hooks in the third and Davila countered with solid rights to the head. But it was in the fourth that Davila landed his biggest punch—a right to the head that buckled Zarate's knees. Zarate had his opponent on the ropes moments earlier, firing combinations. Davila slipped away, exchanged a few blows, then rocked him with the right.

"His punches were very hard, but I was never hurt," Zarate said. "I was off balance. That's why it looked like I was staggered."

Considered a light puncher early in his career, Davila had knocked out four of his last seven opponents (he's 25-5 with 9 KO's now) and clearly jarred the champion on more than one occasion.

"Lupe Pinto (the contender whom he defeated in the same ring two years ago to the day) is a harder puncher than Zarate," Davila said. "But Zarate is next."

Davila, who earned his biggest purse ($58,000 as compared to Zarate's $100,000), said he was physically ready to continue when the fights was stopped.

"I was getting away from his combinations and he thought he hurt me earlier," he said. "Everything he threw (during the flurry immediately before the knockdown) he missed. I got around him. The left hook (that floored him) was a good punch—right on the money.

"My hand was down. If it had been up, I would've caught it (the punch). I was surprised that I was cut."

Georgino said Davila "was lazy" in the sixth and seventh rounds, when Zarate's left hooks began to land with ferocious regularity. By that time, the outcome seemed predictable.

Referee Elespuro, of Sacramento, had Zarate ahead 70-65 going into the eighth round. Closer were the cards of judges Dick Young (68-67) and Chuck Hassett (68-66), both for the champion.

Zarate, who had trouble making the weight in his last defense (a fifth-round KO over Juan Rodriguez in Spain in December), has been talking of moving up to the super bantamweight division (122) and possible the 126-pound featherweight class. But he weighed 117 for Davila.

Should Zarate ever step up to the featherweight class, Davila's stablemate, Lopez, is waiting.

"I'd like to fight him," Danny said. "I'd knock him out."

Pintor, knocking on Zarate's door as the top contender, was hard pressed to win a unanimous ten-round decision over durable but inexp,erienced Gerald Hayes (14-5) of Philadelphia.

Pinto, 121½, of Mexico City, won his 35th fight convincingly, but had to work for it. His only loss is to Davila. Hayes weighed 126.

In the opening ten-rounder, another Davila KO victim, Frank Duarte of Venice made it 27-2 in outslugging rugged Daniel Ocampo, 122¼, of Los Angeles, Duarte, 123, was declared the winner at 1:23 of the ninth round when referee Lou Filippo stopped the fight because he had his hands down and wasn't punching."

In the finale, unbeaten Joey Olivo, 108, L.S., won a unanimous eight-round decision over Candy Iglesias, 111, Phoenix for his 15th straight victory.

Promoter Don King, staing his first show in California, reported a gross gate of 19-2,800, but ABC television kicked in enough money to make it a profitable day at the Forum.

CASSIDY, O'GRADY

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lot of hard work. I've been boxing since I was six years old in my father's gym. I've learned by just doing the right things over and over."

O'Grady, who is trained by his father, Pat, fights next against WBA Champion Cecilio Lastra, on April 7th in Oklahoma City.

Sean and papa Pat are hoping for a re-match against WBC Champion Danny Lopez. The ultimate plan for 19-year-old Sean is to capture both featherweight titles; and then retire as champion to pursue his medical career.

In the semi-main event, Bobby Cassidy, 175, of Levittown, Long Island, gave fans a taste of a good old Irish brawl; as he battled Ramon Ranquello, 173, of West New York, New Jersey; and emerged with a victory by unanimous decision.

Ranquello, who came out snorting like a Mexican bull, used defensive strategy from the first round on. He spent most of the first round with his gloves over his face—attempting to avoid the long rights and fierce combinations that Cassidy has mastered.

Cassidy got through the defense to inflict a bloody nose on his opponent in the first round. Ranquello got even two rounds later when he bloodied Cassidy's nose.

The green ring was splattered with blood—as both fighters suffered nose-bleeds throughout the ten-round bout.

Ranquello became the aggressor in the second round—working to Cassidy's head and body. A low blow to the Irishman's ,idney cost Ranquello one point from angry referee Richard Green.

The third round through the tenth were all Cassidy's: as he employed his long right jabs, followed by left uppecuts and combinations to force his opponent against the ropes; and into defensive strategy.

Cassidy got a little too fierce in the fifth round—and referee Green took a point away. The pro-Irish crowd booed loudly at this action.

Ranquello, visibly tired in the later rounds, was swinging wide—and missing with many of his punches.

It was no surprise when Cassidy won the unanimous decision—with such one-sided scoring as: 47-41, 46-42, and 49-40.

Bobby Cassidy is managed by veteran fight figure Paddy Flood, who worked the corner along with noted trainer-promoter Al Braverman. Also in the corner was Cassidy's close friend, movie star Bert Young. Young shot to fame as Pauly in the fight movie "Rocky".

A scheduled six-rounder was halted mid-way through the fourth round, when S. T. Gordon, 187, of Las Vegas, lost on a disqualification to Gentleman Gerry Cooney, 219, of Huntington, New York.

The giant Cooney, who stands 6'5", proved intimidating to his smaller opponent.

Gordon spent his entire time ring time dnacing and moving away from Cooney. Gentleman Gerry's long jabs couldn't get to Gordon; and it was apparent that S.T. wasn't prepared to fight the towering Irishman.

The win brings Cooney's undefeated record to 11-0.

A dull card-opener saw the only Irish loss of the night when Ned Hallacy, 173, of Wichita, Kansas, lost a unanimous decision to Alvaro Lopez, 174, of Los Angeles.

Lopez came to life in the middle rounds; but the only real action occurred in the tenth round, when both the Irishman and the Mexican began to jab furiously at each other—hoping to win the decision in the fateful last round.

The final bout of the evening was short and sweet as Randy Cobb, 226, of Los Angeles, used some brutal hooks and combinations to deck his opponent, David Martinez, 213, of Phoenix, at 2:26 of the 1st round.

The St. Patrick's day fight festival was promoed by Top Rank, Inc. in conjunction with local promoter Mel Greb, and Ash Resnick of the Aladdin Hotel.

The card was televised nationally by CBS. Commentary featured another fighting Irishman, trainer Gil Clancy, along with Chico Vejar and Tom Brookshier.

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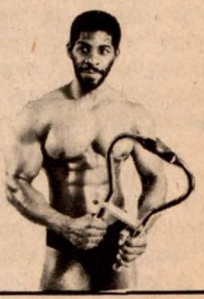

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"SAILOR" DON SAUER

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about astute managers of years gone by—when JOE JACOBS died many years ago the fight gentry gave a lot of thought to his accomplishments—his record as a manager spoke for itself, five world champions—FRANKIE GENARO, (bantam) ANDRE ROUTIS (feather) JACK DELANEY and MIKE McTIGUE (light-heavyweights) and MAX SCHMELING (heavyweight)—quite a feat indeed! JIMMY CARTER, no relation to your favorite statesman in Washington, but the former world lightweight champion, now 54 years old and still living in California, working for the past 11 years as a pet groomer—his money from his boxing days is long gone!! LEE GEIGER has taken over as matchmaker for promoter PETE ASHLOCK at the Orlando Sports Stadium in that hotbed of professional boxing in the southland. . . . BRUCE TRAMPLER is now seated at his desk in the N.Y. Garden—replacing DUKE STEFANO as assistant matchmaker at the Garden under TEDDY BRENNER . . . . Congratulations BRUCE . . . . SCOTT CLARK, Florida welterweight who sports a 23-1 ring tab is anxious to meet some of the contenders—he wants to see what he is made of and now is the time to make the move to find out. In his first fight under the ANGELO DUNDEE aegis—heavyweight SYLVESTER KELLY journeyed to Mexico City to box their king ISMAEL RUIZ, AND CAME HOME A WINNER—ANGELO did not make the trip as he had to be in Vegas with Ali . . . .DUNDEE then headed for Australia with jr. middleweight ELISHA OBED for his title tiff with champ ROCKY MATTIOLI—OBED is managed by DUNDEE's nephew, MIKE, son of fight promoter CHRIS at Miami Beach . . . . EDGAR "BAD-NEWS" WALLACE lived up to his name, (he's a baddie) did a job on DAVID LOVE before succumbing to LOVE's combinations at Phoenix . . . . LOVE had to submit to plastic surgery after the bout. WALLACE is like former lightweight king, PADDY DeMARCO—they call them guys billygoats in this business . . . they butt more than they punch—such a gladiator is WALLACE! BEN STERNBERG is the principal promoter in Minnesota—what about putting RON STANDER "on top" with top ranked foes, if STANDER would be taught by PINKIE GEORGE, he's available in that area, it's not too late for RON—he could make some money at that . . . . At 68 years young and as beautiful as ever, AILEEN EATON, top gal promoter in this business, has no plans to retire in the immediate future . . . In 1966, her husband, Olympic promoter, CAL EATON died. Since then she has been running the operation by herself . . . "All I do seven days a week is think about the fight business—I'm a workaholic. I love this business and love the kids in it . . . I love to watch them grow from amateurs to preliminary fighters to main eventers" . . . AILEEN has moved a lot of them in that direction over the years, that's for sure! MUHAMMAD ALI's ex-wife, KHALILAH TOLONA has a contract to act in her first movie—"Eye Witness" which will include a cast of JANE FONDA, JACK LEMMON and MIKE DOUGLAS . . . . MIGUEL ANGEL CUELLO blames a bum leg for his loss to future professor MATE PARLOV at Milan, Italy—his light-heavy bauble (W.B.C. version) went with it. EUGENE "CYCLONE" HART, Philadelphia middleweight has been charged by the Internal Revenue Service with nonpayment of taxes on $32,112 he earned in 1971. Philadelphia promoter HERMAN TAYLOR, now 90 years old, said recently—"if something struck my eye and I thought it would be worthwhile, I would be interested in promoting again" . . . He added: "What do you suppose I keep this office for, the toilet down the end of the hall?" . . . . ESTEBAN DeJESUS lost his version of the lightweight crown to champ, ROBERTO DURAN (W.B.C. version) because he was over-trained . . . he left his fight in the gym—the lad had nothing left after the 10th round and succumbed to DURAN's pressure in the 12th—Does this mean the end of DUANE BOBICK as a serious threat to the world heavyweight title—his kayo loss at the hands of KALLIE KNOETZE, an internationally unknown Pretoria, South African white policeman???? JOHNNY COPELAND at the age of 32 is a well-traveled gladiator who meets the "local boys" in their own backyard—which is rare in boxing today—a real journeyman . . . COPELAND is a throw-back to the old timers—managed by ex-Navy champ, DOUG LORD, who handled the reins of former champ CURTIS COKES . . . COPELAND always gives a damn good account of himself at that . . . . FRED HOUPE (YOUNG SANFORD) was set down by the same commission (California) as GEORGE COOPER when he failed to pass the eye test. HOUPE was accepted to box in England, which should not be allowed—he could face serious eye problems . . . . See you next month—keep punching!!

DANIELS ICES MADISON IN THIRD

By JAMES E. ROMEL

KINGSPORT, TENN.—Anthony Daniels, 144 lbs., Fairmont, West Virginia, knocked out George Madison, 149 lbs., Evansville, Indiana in the third round. Madison was out almost 5 minutes.

Best fight of the night: Eddie Roberts 152 lbs. Kingsport, Tenn., won a six round war over Sylvester Harris, 153 lbs., Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

John Wilburn, 169 lbs., Baltimore, Maryland, won by a TKO over Ponce Ortiz, 159 lbs., of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Percy Hairston, 178 lbs., Kingsport, Tennessee, knocked out John Beveridge 171 lbs., Fairmont, West Virginia. Beveridge was making his professional debut and had the veteran Hairston rocking and rolling, but forgot his defense and was hit by a picture book left hook to the chin, and that was that.

Standing room only fight crowd at the Civic Auditorium.

NOEL STOPS GUISSEPPI, MARCELLE OUTPOINTS HARRY

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

PORT-OF-SPAIN, REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO—Boxing at Sparrow's Hideaway in Petit Vally in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, an almost sold out packed stadium saw two national champions defend their titles. Claud Noel, 132, lightweight champion of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Fitzroy Guisseppi, 134½ lbs. had an even first round. As round two started Noel dropped Guisseppi with a right to the jaw for the mandatory eight count.

In round three, Noel went after Guisseppi with both guns blazing but Guisseppi kept at close range, making it difficult for Noel to hit effectively. Guisseppi was better at the infighting. The fourth, fifth and sixth rounds were also Guisseppi rounds. When round seven started Guisseppi's chin was still in close and both hands in a protecting position, making it difficult for Noel to find his mark. Noel was warned three times for using and or boring with his head and also roughing on the ropes, while Guisseppi hit with one hand and blocked with the other.

As round eight started, Guisseppi's style changed. He began to advance on Noel with his guard midway and Noel turned on the heat with body punches and also left right combination to face and head. This was Noel's round. Guisseppi's left eye was closed from a cut received in the fourth round. In the ninth round, Noel started a vicious onslaught, ripping through Guisseppi's guard with over ten vicious rights and left punches to Guisseppi's face and head, leaving him unable to defend himself and referee George Cumberbatch had to halt the contest after two minutes and 57 seconds of the ninth round of a schedule 15-round championship bout, Guisseppi staggered from the southern corner to the northern corner and back to the eastern corner in a senseless condition and slumped to the canvas.

Eddie Marcelle 147 lbs. wrest the welterweight title from Roy Harry 146½ by an unanimous points decision going fifteen rounds, both fighters came close to scoring a knockout, but at the end of the fifteenth round Marcelle finished stronger.

In a six rounder Victor Daly 148½ lbs. outpointed Lester Miller 147½.

AMATEUR BOXING BEAT

By JOE LEE

While the condition is far from the alert stages, the American amateur ring aspirations for the 1980 Olympics in Russia will have to get a shot in the arm if it is to survive the cream of the crop from other competing countries.

A quick look at results of International Boxing Series thus far this year shows our ringmen are not "supreme" going in (or preparing) for said Olympics. Sure, we have some stickouts like Greg Page of Louisville, Ky., one of the most exciting amateur heavyweights around, but overall many of our guys have been beaten by invaders.

While there's still time "to shape up before they ship out" for the 1980 Olympics, the results of these early series show U.S. is running behind in the overall bouts. In the tenth Soviet-American National boxing matches in Moscow, the U.S.S.R. defeated the U.S. boxers, 6-4; In Havana, Cuba, Cuban boxers downed the Americans, 8-3; The Romanian National Amateur boxing team on tour of the United States, topped the United States, 5-4.

With the Gold Modal reflection of the Montreal Olympics still shining brightly and the success of Leon Spinks winning the World championship, there's more than a 'casual' interest in the preparation of our amateur athletes leading up to the 1980 Olympics in Russia.

While updating the amateur ring happenings of the year, there's no indication that we will go in and score a sweep in Olympic boxing. But there's still plenty of time to bring our athletes to razor sharp condition and the men who handle this part of the conditioning program are some of the best in the world.

While it is hard to imagine another Olympic team with members like the Spinks Brothers, Howard Davis, Sugar Ray Leonard and Leo Randolph—all Gold Medalist—there is enough talent in the American amateur ranks to make a fine showing when the Olympics roll around. While an encore of five Gold medals seems slim, indeed, there is every indication that our athletes will make a good showing in the final showdown.

. . .

We were saddened by the news from Fred Bishop of Halifax, N.S. on the passing of one of Nova Scotia's greatest fighters, Terrance (Tiger) Warrington, 64, who passed away in Liverpool after a short illness.

Warrington had wins over Lee Oma, Charlie (Hobo) Williams, Roy Lazer, Al McCoy, Steve Dudas, Juan Herrerea, and Buck Tracey. Warrington went to the post 71 times, had 59 wins, 10 losses and two draws and scored 31 kayoes. Three of his losses were to Bob Pastor, Tiger Jack Fox and Yvon Durelle.

Bishop also informed us the success of the 3rd annual International Amateur Boxing dinner at the Nova Scotian Hotel before a packed house of 500 who paid $30 a seat to witness the best show ever of its kind.

Two light heavyweights staged the best fight of the night as Junior Diggs, 172, Preston, N.S., just got the nod over Eddie Chamberlain, 171, St. John, N.S.

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